

**IMIDAZOLOPYRIDINES**  
**AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING THE SAME**

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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

TGF $\beta$  (Transforming Growth Factor  $\beta$ ) is a member of a large family of dimeric polypeptide growth factors that includes activins, inhibins, bone morphogenetic proteins (BMPs), growth and differentiation factors (GDFs) and mullerian inhibiting substance (MIS). TGF $\beta$  exists in three isoforms (TGF $\beta$ 1, TGF $\beta$ 2, and TGF $\beta$ 3) and is present in most cells, along with its receptors. Each isoform is expressed in both a tissue-specific and developmentally regulated fashion. Each TGF $\beta$  isoform is synthesized as a precursor protein that is cleaved intracellularly into a C-terminal region (latency associated peptide (LAP)) and an N-terminal region known as mature or active TGF $\beta$ . LAP is typically non-covalently associated with mature TGF $\beta$  prior to secretion from the cell. The LAP- TGF $\beta$  complex cannot bind to the TGF $\beta$  receptors and is not biologically active. TGF $\beta$  is generally released (and activated) from the complex by a variety of mechanisms including interaction with thrombospondin-1 or plasmin.

Following activation, TGF $\beta$  binds at high affinity to the type II receptor (TGF $\beta$ RII), a constitutively active serine/threonine kinase. The ligand-bound type II receptor phosphorylates the TGF $\beta$  type I receptor (Alk 5) in a glycine/serine rich domain, which allows the type I receptor to recruit and phosphorylate downstream signaling molecules, Smad2 or Smad3. See, e.g., Huse, M. et al., *Mol. Cell.* 8: 671-682 (2001). Phosphorylated Smad2 or Smad3 can then complex with Smad4, and the entire hetero-Smad complex translocates to the nucleus and regulates transcription of various TGF $\beta$ -responsive genes. See, e.g., Massagué, J. *Ann. Rev. Biochem. Med.* 67: 773 (1998).

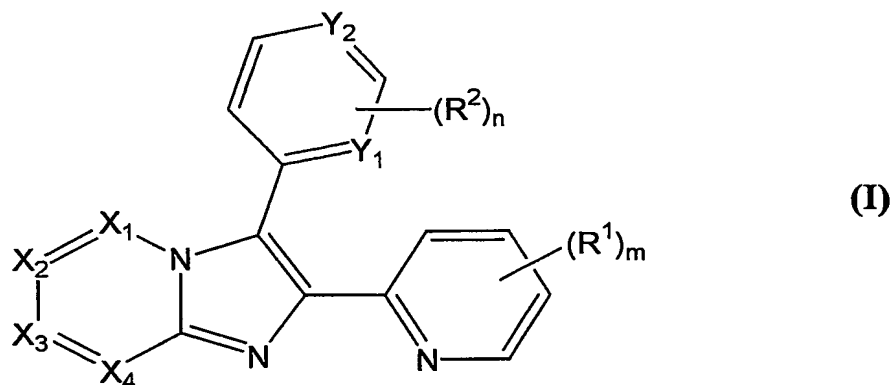
Activins are also members of the TGF $\beta$  superfamily that are distinct from TGF $\beta$  in that they are homo- or heterodimers of activin  $\beta$ a or  $\beta$ b. Activins signal in a similar manner to TGF $\beta$ , that is, by binding to a constitutive serine-threonine receptor kinase, activin type II receptor (ActRIIB), and activating a type I serine-threonine receptor, Alk 4, to phosphorylate Smad2 or Smad3. The consequent formation of a hetero-Smad complex with Smad4 also results in the activin-induced regulation of gene transcription.

Indeed, TGF $\beta$  and related factors such as activin regulate a large array of cellular processes, e.g., cell cycle arrest in epithelial and hematopoietic cells, control of mesenchymal cell proliferation and differentiation, inflammatory cell recruitment, immunosuppression, wound healing, and extracellular matrix production. See, e.g., Massagué, J. *Ann. Rev. Cell. Biol.* 6: 594-641 (1990); Roberts, A. B. and Sporn M. B. *Peptide Growth Factors and Their Receptors*, 95: 419-472 Berlin: Springer-Verlag (1990); Roberts, A. B. and Sporn M. B. *Growth Factors* 8:1-9 (1993); and Alexandrow, M. G., Moses, H. L. *Cancer Res.* 55: 1452-1457 (1995). Hyperactivity of TGF $\beta$  signaling pathway underlies many human disorders (e.g., excess deposition of extracellular matrix, an abnormally high level of inflammatory responses, fibrotic disorders, and progressive cancers). Similarly, activin signaling and overexpression of activin is linked to pathological disorders that involve extracellular matrix accumulation and fibrosis (see, e.g., Matsuse, T. et al., *Am. J. Respir. Cell Mol. Biol.* 13: 17-24 (1995); Inoue, S. et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm.* 205: 441-448 (1994); Matsuse, T. et al., *Am. J. Pathol.* 148: 707-713 (1996); De Bleser et al., *Hepatology* 26: 905-912 (1997); Pawlowski, J.E., et al., *J. Clin. Invest.* 100: 639-648 (1997); Sugiyama, M. et al., *Gastroenterology* 114: 550-558 (1998); Munz, B. et al., *EMBO J.* 18: 5205-5215 (1999)) and inflammatory responses (see, e.g., Rosendahl, A. et al., *Am. J. Respir. Cell Mol. Biol.* 25: 60-68 (2001)). Studies have shown that TGF $\beta$  and activin can act synergistically to induce extracellular matrix (see, e.g., Sugiyama, M. et al., *Gastroenterology* 114: 550-558, (1998)). It is therefore desirable to develop modulators (e.g., antagonists) to signaling pathway components of the TGF $\beta$  family to prevent/treat disorders related to the malfunctioning of this signaling pathway.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Compounds of formula (I) are unexpectedly potent antagonists of the TGF $\beta$  family type I receptors, Alk5 and/or Alk 4. Thus, compounds of formula (I) can be employed in the prevention and/or treatment of diseases such as fibrosis (e.g., renal  
 5 fibrosis, pulmonary fibrosis, and hepatic fibrosis), progressive cancers, or other diseases for which reduction of TGF $\beta$  family signaling activity is desirable.

In one aspect, the invention features a compound of formula I:



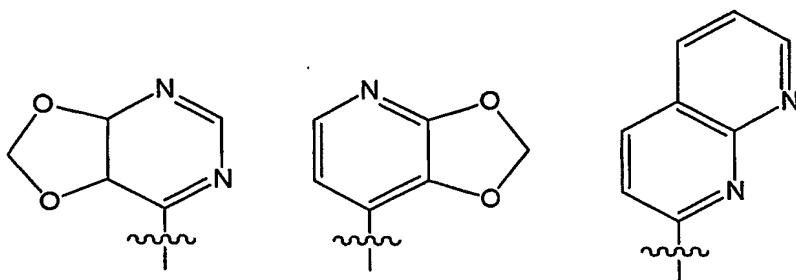
Each of X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, X<sub>3</sub>, and X<sub>4</sub> is independently CR<sup>x</sup> or N; provided that only two of X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, X<sub>3</sub>, and X<sub>4</sub> can be N simultaneously. Each of Y<sub>1</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub> is independently CR<sup>y</sup> or N; provided that at least one of Y<sub>1</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub> must be N. Each R<sup>1</sup> is independently alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, acyl, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, cyano, guanidino, amidino, carboxy, sulfo, mercapto, alkylsulfanyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, urea, thiourea, sulfamoyl, sulfamide, carbamoyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylsulfanyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkylsulfanyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylsulfanyl, aroyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaryl sulfanyl, or heteroaroyl. Each R<sup>2</sup> is independently alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, acyl, halo, hydroxy, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NH(alkyl), -N(alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -NH(cycloalkyl), -N(alkyl)(cycloalkyl), -NH(heterocycloalkyl), -NH(heteroaryl), -NH-alkyl-heterocycloalkyl, -NH-alkyl-heteroaryl, -NH(aralkyl), cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aroyl, heterocycloalkyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaroyl, nitro,

cyano, guanadino, amidino, carboxy, sulfo, mercapto, alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, (cycloalkyl)alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, (heterocycloalkyl)alkoxy, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, alkylsulfanyl, cycloalkylsulfanyl, (cycloalkyl)alkylsulfanyl, arylsulfanyl, aralkylsulfanyl, heterocycloalkylsulfanyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkylsulfanyl, heteroarylalkylsulfanyl, heteroarylalkylsulfanyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, (cycloalkyl)alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)carbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)alkylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylamino, alkoxycarbonylaminoalkylamino, (heteroaryl)arylcarbonylaminoalkylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylaminoalkylamino, (heteroaryl)arylsulfonylaminoalkylcarbonylaminoalkylamino, arylsulfonylaminoalkylamino, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, urea, thiourea, sulfamoyl, sulfamide, or carbamoyl.  $m$  is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4; provided that when  $m \geq 2$ , two adjacent  $R^1$  groups can join together to form a 4- to 8-membered optionally substituted cyclic moiety.  $n$  is 0, 1, 2, or 3; provided that when  $n \geq 2$ , two adjacent  $R^2$  groups can join together to form a 4- to 8-membered optionally substituted cyclic moiety. Each of  $R^x$  and  $R^y$  is independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, acyl, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, cyano, guanadino, amidino, carboxy, sulfo, mercapto, alkylsulfanyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, (cycloalkyl)alkylcarbonyl, aroyl, aralkylcarbonyl, heterocycloalkylcarbonyl, (heterocycloalkyl)acyl, heteroaroyl, (heteroaryl)acyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, (amino)aminocarbonyl, alkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkylsulfonylamino, (cycloalkyl)alkylcarbonylamino, (cycloalkyl)alkylsulfonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, aralkylsulfonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)carbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)sulfonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)alkylcarbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)alkylsulfonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroarylsulfonylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylamino, heteroaralkylsulfonylamino, (heteroaryl)arylcarbonylaminoalkylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylaminoalkylamino,

(heteroaryl)arylsulfonylaminoalkylcarbonylaminoalkylamino, arylsulfonylaminoalkylamino, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, urea, thiourea, sulfamoyl, sulfamide, carbamoyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylsulfanyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkoxy, (cycloalkyl)alkylsulfanyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkylsulfanyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkoxy, (heterocycloalkyl)alkylsulfanyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylsulfanyl, aralkyl, aralkyloxy, aralkylsulfanyl, arylalkenyl, arylalkynyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaryl-sulfanyl, heteroaralkyl, (heteroaryl)alkoxy, or (heteroaryl)alkylsulfanyl.

As defined above, when  $m \geq 2$ , two adjacent  $R^1$  groups can join together to form a 4- to 8-membered optionally substituted cyclic moiety. That is, the 2-pyridyl ring can fuse with a 4- to 8-membered cyclic moiety to form a moiety such as 7H-[1]pyrindinyl, 6,7-dihydro-5H-[1]pyrindinyl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-quinolinyl, 5,7-dihydro-furo[3,4-b]pyridinyl, or 3,4-dihydro-1H-thiopyrano[4,3-c]pyridinyl. The fused ring moiety can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as alkyl (including carboxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and haloalkyl such as trifluoromethyl; see definition of "alkyl" below), alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, aroyl, heteroaroyl, amino, nitro, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkyl-alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, heterocycloalkyl-carbonylamino, heterocycloalkyl-alkylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylamino, cyano, halo, hydroxy, acyl, mercapto, alkylsulfanyl, sulfoxy, urea, thiourea, sulfamoyl, sulfamide, oxo, or carbamoyl.

Similarly, when  $n \geq 2$ , two adjacent  $R^2$  groups can join together to form a 4- to 8-membered optionally substituted cyclic moiety, thereby forming a ring fused with the pyridyl or pyrimidinyl group. Some examples of such a moiety are shown below:



The 4- to 8-membered cyclic moiety formed by two adjacent  $R^2$  groups can be optionally substituted with substituents such as alkyl (including carboxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and haloalkyl such as trifluoromethyl; see definition of "alkyl" below),  
 5 alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, aroyl, heteroaroyl, amino, nitro, carboxy, alkoxy carbonyl, alkyl carbonyloxy, aminocarbonyl, alkyl carbonylamino, cycloalkyl carbonylamino, cycloalkyl-alkyl carbonylamino, aryl carbonylamino, aralkyl carbonylamino, heterocycloalkyl-carbonylamino, heterocycloalkyl-  
 10 alkyl carbonylamino, heteroaryl carbonylamino, heteroaralkyl carbonylamino, cyano, halo, hydroxy, acyl, mercapto, alkylsulfanyl, sulfoxy, urea, thiourea, sulfamoyl, sulfamide, oxo, or carbamoyl.

In one embodiment, each of  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , and  $X_3$  is  $CR^x$ . In one embodiment, each of  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$ , and  $X_4$  is independently  $-CH-$ ,  $-C(CH_3)-$ ,  $-C(OH)-$ ,  $-C(NH_2)-$ ,  $-C(CO-NH_2)-$ ,  
 15  $-C(CO-NHOH)-$ ,  $-C(NH(\text{unsubstituted alkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH(\text{aryl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH(\text{aralkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH(\text{heteroaryl})-)$ ,  
 $-C(NH(\text{heteroarylalkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-CO-(\text{unsubstituted alkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-CO-(\text{aryl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-CO-(\text{heteroaryl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-CO-(\text{aralkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-CO-(\text{heteroarylalkyl})-)$ ,  
 $-C(NH-SO_2-(\text{unsubstituted alkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-SO_2-(\text{aryl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-SO_2-(\text{heteroaryl})-)$ ,  
 20  $-C(NH-SO_2-(\text{aralkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-SO_2-(\text{heteroarylalkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-SO_2-NH(\text{unsubstituted alkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-SO_2-NH(\text{aryl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-SO_2-NH(\text{heteroaryl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-SO_2-NH(\text{aralkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-SO_2-NH(\text{heteroarylalkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(\text{hydroxyalkyl})-$ , or  $-C(\text{carboxy})-$ , and  $X_1$  is  $-CH-$ .

In one embodiment, each of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  is  $-CH-$ ;  $X_4$  is N; and  $X_3$  is  $-C(NH_2)-$ ,  
 25  $-C(NH(\text{unsubstituted alkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH(\text{aryl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH(\text{aralkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH(\text{heteroaryl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH(\text{heteroarylalkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-CO-(\text{unsubstituted alkyl})-)$ ,  $-C(NH-CO-(\text{aryl})-)$ ,  $-$

- C(NH-CO-(heteroaryl))-, -C(NH-CO-(aralkyl))-, -C(NH-CO-(heteroarylalkyl))-, -  
 C(NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-(unsubstituted alkyl))-, -C(NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-(aryl))-, -C(NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-(heteroaryl))-, -  
 C(NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-(aralkyl))-, -C(NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-(heteroarylalkyl))-, -C(NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-NH(unsubstituted  
 alkyl))-, -C(NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-NH(aryl))-,  
 5 -C(NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-NH(heteroaryl))-, -C(NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-NH(aralkyl))-, or -C(NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-  
 NH(heteroarylalkyl))-.

In one embodiment, both Y<sub>1</sub> are Y<sub>2</sub> are N.

- In one embodiment, m is 0, 1, or 2 (e.g., m is 1). In one embodiment, R<sup>1</sup> is  
 substituted at the 5-position or the 6-position (i.e., R<sup>1</sup> can be mono-substituted at  
 10 either the 5-position or the 6-position or R<sup>1</sup> can be di-substituted at both the 5- and the  
 6-position). In one embodiment, R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylthio, halo,  
 amino, aminocarbonyl, or alkoxycarbonyl.

In one embodiment, n is 1 or 2 (e.g., n is 1).

- In one embodiment, each R<sup>1</sup> is independently unsubstituted alkyl (e.g., 6-  
 15 methyl, 6-ethyl, 6-n-propyl, or 6-isopropyl), hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl (e.g., 6-  
 trifluoromethyl), aminoalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, heteroaralkyloxyalkyl, unsubstituted  
 alkenyl (e.g., 6-vinyl), alkoxy, acyl, halo, hydroxy, carboxy, cyano, guanadino,  
 amidino, amino (e.g., -NH<sub>2</sub>, monoalkylamino, dialkylamino,  
 monoheterocycloalkylamino, monoheteroarylamino, mono(heterocyclylalkyl)amino,  
 20 mono(aralkyl)amino, or mono(heteroaralkyl)amino), carboxy, mercapto,  
 alkylsulfanyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, aminocarbonyl (e.g., -CONH<sub>2</sub>, -  
 CONH(alkyl), or -CO-N(alkyl)<sub>2</sub>), alkylcarbonylamino (e.g., -NH-CO-alkyl or -  
 N(alkyl)-CO-alkyl), alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylsulfonyl, sulfamoyl (e.g.,  
 -SO<sub>2</sub>-NH<sub>2</sub>, -SO<sub>2</sub>-NH(alkyl), or -SO<sub>2</sub>-N(alkyl)<sub>2</sub>), cycloalkyl (e.g., 6-cyclopropyl),  
 25 heterocycloalkyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl.

- In one embodiment, each R<sup>2</sup> is independently unsubstituted alkyl,  
 hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, aminoalkyl (e.g., aminomethyl), aryloxyalkyl,  
 heteroaralkyloxyalkyl, alkoxy, acyl, halo, hydroxy, carboxy, cyano, guanadino,  
 amidino, -NH<sub>2</sub>, monoalkylamino, dialkylamino, monocycloalkylamino,  
 30 monoheterocycloalkylamino (e.g., -NH-piperidinyl or -NH-morpholino),  
 monoheteroarylamino (e.g., -NH-tetrazolyl, -NH-pyrazolyl, or -NH-imidazolyl),

mono((heterocycloalkyl)alkyl)amino (e.g., -NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-piperidinyl or -NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-morpholino), mono(heteroaralkyl)amino (e.g., -NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-tetrazolyl, -NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-pyrazolyl, or -NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-imidazolyl), -N(alkyl)(cycloalkyl), mercapto, alkylsulfanyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, -CONH<sub>2</sub>, -CONH(alkyl), -CO-N(alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -NH-CO-alkyl, -N(alkyl)-CO-alkyl, -CO<sub>2</sub>-alkyl, -O-CO-alkyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>-NH<sub>2</sub>, -SO<sub>2</sub>-NH(alkyl), -SO<sub>2</sub>-N(alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-alkyl, -N(alkyl)-SO<sub>2</sub>-alkyl, -NH-CO-NH(alkyl), -N(alkyl)-CO-NH(alkyl), -NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-NH(alkyl), -N(alkyl)-SO<sub>2</sub>-NH(alkyl), heterocycloalkyl, or heteroaryl (e.g., imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, tetrazolyl, or pyridyl). For example, R<sup>2</sup> is substituted at the 3-position and is guanadino, amidino, -NH<sub>2</sub>, monoalkylamino, dialkylamino, monocycloalkylamino, monoheterocycloalkylamino, monoheteroarylamino, mono((heterocycloalkyl)alkyl)amino, mono(heteroaralkyl)amino, -NH-CO-NH(alkyl), -N(alkyl)-CO-NH(alkyl), -NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-NH(alkyl), -N(alkyl)-SO<sub>2</sub>-NH(alkyl), heterocycloalkyl, or heteroaryl.

In one embodiment, each R<sup>x</sup> is independently hydrogen, unsubstituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl (e.g., hydroxy-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl such as hydroxyethyl), haloalkyl (e.g., trifluoromethyl), aminoalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, heteroaralkyloxyalkyl, alkoxy (e.g., C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy such as methoxy or C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy such as -OCF<sub>3</sub>), halo (e.g., chloro or bromo), hydroxy, carboxy, cyano, guanadino, amidino, amino (e.g., -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NH(alkyl), -N(alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -NH(heterocycloalkyl), -NH(heteroaryl), -NH(heterocycloalkyl-alkyl), -NH(aralkyl), or -NH(heteroaralkyl)), carboxy, (heteroaryl)acyl, aminocarbonyl (e.g., -CO-NH<sub>2</sub>, -CO-NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>-COOH, -CO-NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>-OH, -CO-NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>-heteroaryl (e.g., -CO-NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>-tetrazolyl, -CO-NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>-pyrazolyl, or -CO-NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>-imidazolyl), -CO-NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>-heterocycloalkyl (e.g., -CO-NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>-piperidinyl or -CO-NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>-morpholino), or -CO-NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>-aryl (e.g., -CO-NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>-phenyl), heteroarylcarbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)alkoxy, (heteroaryl)alkoxy, (heteroaryl)alkylsulfanyl, heterocycloalkyl (e.g., morpholino, pyrazinyl, or piperidinyl), (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl



(e.g., morpholino-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, pyrazinyl-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, or piperidiny-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl), heteroaryl (e.g., imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, tetrazolyl, or pyridyl), or heteroaralkyl (e.g., imidazolyl-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, pyrazolyl-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, tetrazolyl-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, or pyridyl-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl). Some examples of -NH(alkyl) are

- 5 -NH(haloalkyl) (e.g., -NHCF<sub>3</sub>), -NH(carboxyalkyl) (e.g., -NH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>COOH), and -NH(hydroxyalkyl) (e.g., -NH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>OH). Some examples of -NH(heteroaryl) are -NH(tetrazolyl), -NH(pyrazolyl), and -NH(imidazolyl). Some examples of -NH(heterocycloalkylalkyl) are -NH(piperazinylalkyl) (e.g., -NH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-piperazine) and
- 10 -NH(morpholino-alkyl) (e.g., -NH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-morpholine). Some examples of -NH(heteroaralkyl) are -NH(tetrazolylalkyl) (e.g., -NH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-tetrazole), -NH(pyrazolyl-alkyl) (e.g., -NH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>-pyrazole), and -NH(imidazolyl-alkyl) (e.g., -NH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>-imidazole).

- In one embodiment, R<sup>y</sup> is hydrogen, unsubstituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl (e.g., trifluoromethyl), aminoalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, heteroaralkyloxyalkyl, alkoxy, halo, hydroxy, carboxy, cyano, guanadino, amidino, amino (e.g., -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NH(alkyl), -N(alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -NH(cycloalkyl), -NH(heterocycloalkyl), -NH(heteroaryl), -NH(heterocycloalkyl-alkyl), -NH(aralkyl), or
- 20 -NH(heteroaralkyl)), carboxy, (heteroaryl)acyl, aminocarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)alkoxy, (heteroaryl)alkoxy, (heteroaryl)alkylsulfanyl, heterocycloalkyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl.

- In one embodiment, X<sub>1</sub> is N. For example, X<sub>1</sub> is N and each of X<sub>2</sub>, X<sub>3</sub>, and X<sub>4</sub> is independently CR<sup>x</sup>.
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In one embodiment, X<sub>2</sub> is N. For example, X<sub>2</sub> is N and each of X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>3</sub>, and X<sub>4</sub> is independently CR<sup>x</sup>.

In one embodiment, X<sub>3</sub> is N. For example, X<sub>3</sub> is N and each of X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, and X<sub>4</sub> is independently CR<sup>x</sup>.

- 30 In one embodiment, X<sub>4</sub> is N. For example, X<sub>4</sub> is N and each of X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, and X<sub>3</sub> is independently CR<sup>x</sup>.

Some examples of a compound of formula (I) are

- (2-Methoxy-ethyl)-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine;
- (3-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-propyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester;
- (3-Imidazol-1-yl-propyl)-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine;
- (4-Methoxy-benzyl)-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine;
- [2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl]-methanol;
- 3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine;
- (4-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester;
- (4-Amino-benzyl)-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine;
- (5-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-pentyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester;
- [3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl]-methanol;
- [3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-7-yl]-methanol;
- [3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl]-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-amine;
- [3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl]-(2-pyridin-2-yl-ethyl)-amine;
- [3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl]-(2-pyridin-3-yl-ethyl)-amine;
- [3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl]-methanol;

- [3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl]-(2-pyridin-4-yl-ethyl)-amine;
- [3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl]-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propyl)-amine;
- 5 [3-(4-Methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine;
- [3-(4-Methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-propyl]-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine;
- [4-(2-Pyridin-2-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl)-pyrimidin-2-yl]-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-
- 10 amine;
- {4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-((R)-1-phenyl-ethyl)-amine;
- {4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-((S)-1-phenyl-ethyl)-amine;
- 15 {4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-amine;
- {4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-amine;
- {4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2-
- 20 morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-amine;
- {4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2-pyridin-2-yl-ethyl)-amine;
- {4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2-pyridin-3-yl-ethyl)-amine;
- 25 {4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2-pyridin-4-yl-ethyl)-amine;
- {4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propyl)-amine;
- {4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(3-
- 30 piperidin-1-yl-propyl)-amine;

- {4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-  
[1,3,4]thiadiazol-2-yl-amine;  
2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-  
a]pyridine;
- 5 2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-  
a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester;  
2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-  
a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;  
2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-  
10 a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine;  
{7,7-Dimethyl-8-[5-(4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-  
pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butylcarbamoyl)-pentyl]-2-oxo-4-trifluoromethyl-7,8-dihydro-  
2H-1-oxa-8-aza-anthracen-5-yl}-methanesulfonic acid;  
2-(2,7-Difluoro-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-9,9a-dihydro-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-3,5,6-trifluoro-4-  
15 [(4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-  
butylcarbamoyl)-methylsulfanyl]-benzoic acid;  
2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-morpholin-4-yl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-  
a]pyridine;  
2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-  
20 a]pyridine;  
2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-  
a]pyridine;  
2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-imidazo[1,2-  
a]pyridine;
- 25 2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-pyrimidin-4-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine;  
2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-pyrimidin-4-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine;  
3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-  
ylamine;  
3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-  
30 carbonitrile;

- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid ([1,4]dioxan-2-ylmethyl)-amide;
- 5 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid ([1,4]dioxan-2-ylmethyl)-amide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (2-dimethylamino-ethyl)-amide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-
- 10 carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-ethyl)-amide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (2-thiophen-2-yl-ethyl)-amide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid [3-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-amide;
- 15 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid amide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid cyclopropylamide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-
- 20 carboxylic acid ethylamide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methoxy-amide;
- 25 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-
- 30 carboxylic acid ([1,4]dioxan-2-ylmethyl)-amide;

- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (2-amino-ethyl)-amide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (2-dimethylamino-ethyl)-amide;
- 5 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (2-hydroxy-ethyl)-amide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-2-pyridin-3-yl-ethyl)-amide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-
- 10 carboxylic acid (2-thiophen-2-yl-ethyl)-amide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (piperidin-3-ylmethyl)-amide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid 2,2-dimethylhydrazide;
- 15 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid amide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid cyclopropylamide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-
- 20 carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ethylamide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;
- 25 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid methoxy-amide;
- 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine;
- 3-(2-Azetidin-1-yl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine;
- 30 3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;

- 3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester;
- 3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-7-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine;
- 5 3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-8-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine;
- 3,3-Dimethyl-N-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-butyramide;
- 3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carbonitrile;
- 10 3-(2-Methylsulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-pyridin-2-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine;
- 3,6-Dichloro-N-(4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-2-(2,4,5,7-Tetrachloro-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-9,9a-dihydro-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-terephthalamic acid;
- 15 3-[2-(2-Methyl-aziridin-1-yl)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine;
- 3-[2-(4-Methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine;
- 3-{[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carbonyl]-amino}-propionic acid methyl ester;
- 20 3-{[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carbonyl]-amino}-propionic acid methyl ester;
- 3-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-phenol;
- 25 4-(2-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-ethyl)-benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-(2-Pyridin-2-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl)-pyrimidin-2-ylamine;
- 4-[2-(6-Chloro-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine;
- 4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-7-trifluoromethyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine;
- 30 4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine;

- 4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile;  
4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidine-2-carboxylic  
acid amide;  
4-[6-Bromo-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-  
5 ylamine;  
4-[6-Chloro-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-  
ylamine;  
4-[6-Fluoro-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-  
ylamine;  
10 4-[6-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-8-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethylamino)-imidazo[1,2-  
a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol;  
4-[6-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-8-(2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylamino)-imidazo[1,2-  
a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol;  
4-[6-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-8-(2-pyridin-3-yl-ethylamino)-imidazo[1,2-  
15 a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol;  
4-[6-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-8-(2-pyridin-4-yl-ethylamino)-imidazo[1,2-  
a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol;  
4-[6-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-8-morpholin-4-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-  
pyrimidin-2-ol;  
20 4-[6-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-8-morpholin-4-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-  
pyrimidin-2-ylamine;  
4-[6-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-  
ylamine;  
4-[7-Aminomethyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-  
25 2-ylamine;  
4-[7-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-  
ylamine;  
4-[8-Benzyloxy-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-  
ol;  
30 4-[8-Benzyloxy-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-  
ylamine;



- 4-[8-Bromo-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol;
- 4-[8-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine;
- 5 6-Chloro-3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine;
- 5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid (4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-amide;
- 6-(2,7-Difluoro-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-N-(4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-isophthalamide;
- 10 6-Amino-9-[2-carboxy-5-(4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butylcarbamoyl)-phenyl]-xanthen-3-ylidene-ammonium;
- 6-Bromo-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine;
- 15 6-Fluoro-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine;
- 7-Amino-4-methyl-3-[(4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-2-oxo-2H-chromene-6-sulfonic acid;
- Cyclobutyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine;
- 20 Cyclopentyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine;
- Cyclopropyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine;
- 25 Cyclopropyl-methyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine;
- Dimethyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine;
- Isopropyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-
- 30 amine;

- Methyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine;
- N-(2-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-ethyl)-acetamide;
- 5 N-(4-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-acetamide;
- N,N-Dimethyl-N'-(4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl)-ethane-1,2-diamine;
- N-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3-pyridin-3-yl-propionamide;
- 10 N-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-nicotinamide;
- N-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-propionamide;
- 15 N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carbonyl]-methanesulfonamide;
- N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carbonyl]-methanesulfonamide;
- N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-acetamide;
- 20 N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3,3-dimethyl-butyramide;
- N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3-pyridin-3-yl-propionamide;
- 25 N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-acetamide;
- N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-nicotinamide;
- N-[3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-acetamide;
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- N-[3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3,3-dimethyl-butylamide;
- N-[3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3-pyridin-3-yl-propionamide;
- 5 N-[3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-nicotinamide;
- N-[3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-propionamide;
- 10 N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-propionamide;
- N-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-acetamide;
- N1-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-butane-1,4-diamine;
- 15 N1-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-propane-1,3-diamine;
- N-(4-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-(BODIPY FL) amide; and
- N-(4-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-(Texas Red-X) amide.
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An *N*-oxide derivative or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of each of the compounds of formula (I) is also within the scope of this invention. For example, a nitrogen ring atom of the imidazole core ring or a nitrogen-containing heterocycl

substituent can form an oxide in the presence of a suitable oxidizing agent such as *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

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A compound of formula (I) that is acidic in nature (e.g., having a carboxyl or phenolic hydroxyl group) can form a pharmaceutically acceptable salt such as a sodium, potassium, calcium, or gold salt. Also within the scope of the invention are salts formed with pharmaceutically acceptable amines such as ammonia, alkyl amines, hydroxyalkylamines, and N-methylglycine. A compound of formula (I) can be

30 treated with an acid to form acid addition salts. Examples of such an acid include

hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, hydroiodic acid, sulfuric acid, methanesulfonic acid, phosphoric acid, *p*-bromophenyl-sulfonic acid, carbonic acid, succinic acid, citric acid, benzoic acid, oxalic acid, malonic acid, salicylic acid, malic acid, fumaric acid, ascorbic acid, maleic acid, acetic acid, and other mineral and organic acids well known to a skilled person in the art. The acid addition salts can be prepared by treating a compound of formula (I) in its free base form with a sufficient amount of an acid (e.g., hydrochloric acid) to produce an acid addition salt (e.g., a hydrochloride salt). The acid addition salt can be converted back to its free base form by treating the salt with a suitable dilute aqueous basic solution (e.g., sodium hydroxide, sodium bicarbonate, potassium carbonate, or ammonia). Compounds of formula (I) can also be, e.g., in a form of achiral compounds, racemic mixtures, optically active compounds, pure diastereomers, or a mixture of diastereomers.

Compounds of formula (I) exhibit surprisingly high affinity to the TGF $\beta$  family type I receptors, Alk 5 and/or Alk 4, e.g., with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of less than 10  $\mu$ M under conditions as described in Examples 7 and 8 below. Some compounds of formula (I) exhibit an IC<sub>50</sub> value of below 0.1  $\mu$ M.

Compounds of formula (I) can also be modified by appending appropriate functionalities to enhance selective biological properties. Such modifications are known in the art and include those that increase biological penetration into a given biological system (e.g., blood, lymphatic system, central nervous system), increase oral availability, increase solubility to allow administration by injection, alter metabolism, and/or alter rate of excretion. Examples of these modifications include, but are not limited to, esterification with polyethylene glycols, derivatization with pivulates or fatty acid substituents, conversion to carbamates, hydroxylation of aromatic rings, and heteroatom-substitution in aromatic rings.

The present invention also features a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) (or a combination of two or more compounds of formula (I)) and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Also included in the present invention is a medicament composition including any of the compounds of formula (I), alone or in a combination, together with a suitable excipient.

The invention also features a method of inhibiting the TGF $\beta$  family type I receptors, Alk 5 and/or Alk 4 (e.g., with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of less than 10  $\mu$ M; preferably, less than 1  $\mu$ M; more preferably, less than 0.1  $\mu$ M) in a cell, including the step of contacting the cell with an effective amount of one or more compounds of formula (I).

- 5 Also with the scope of the invention is a method of inhibiting the TGF $\beta$  and/or activin signaling pathway in a cell or in a subject (e.g., a mammal such as human), including the step of contacting the cell with or administering to the subject an effective amount of one or more of a compound of formula (I).

Also within the scope of the present invention is a method of treating a subject  
10 or preventing a subject from suffering a condition characterized by or resulted from an elevated level of TGF $\beta$  and/or activin activity (e.g., from an overexpression of TGF $\beta$ ). The method includes the step of administering to the subject an effective amount of one or more of a compound of formula (I). The conditions include an accumulation of excess extracellular matrix; a fibrotic condition (e.g., scleroderma,  
15 lupus nephritis, connective tissue disease, wound healing, surgical scarring, spinal cord injury, CNS scarring, acute lung injury, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, adult respiratory distress syndrome, acute lung injury, drug-induced lung injury, glomerulonephritis, diabetic nephropathy, hypertension-induced nephropathy, hepatic or biliary fibrosis, liver cirrhosis, primary biliary  
20 cirrhosis, fatty liver disease, primary sclerosing cholangitis, restenosis, cardiac fibrosis, opthalmic scarring, fibrosclerosis, fibrotic cancers, fibroids, fibroma, fibroadenomas, fibrosarcomas, transplant arteriopathy, and keloid); demyelination of neurons multiple sclerosis; Alzheimer's disease; cerebral angiopathy; and TGF $\beta$ -induced metastasis of tumor cells and carcinomas (e.g, squamous cell carcinomas,  
25 multiple myeloma, melanoma, glioma, glioblastomas, leukemia, and carcinomas of the lung, breast, ovary, cervix, liver, biliary tract, gastrointestinal tract, pancreas, prostate, and head and neck).

As used herein, an "alkyl" group refers to a saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon group containing 1-8 (e.g., 1-6 or 1-4) carbon atoms. An alkyl group can be straight  
30 or branched. Examples of an alkyl group include, but are not limited to, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, n-heptyl, and

2-ethylhexyl. An alkyl group can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, amino, nitro, carboxy, cyano, halo, hydroxy, sulfo, mercapto, alkylsulfanyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkyl-alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, heterocycloalkyl-carbonylamino, heterocycloalkyl-alkylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylamino, urea, thiourea, sulfamoyl, sulfamide, alkoxycarbonyl, or alkylcarbonyloxy.

As used herein, an "alkenyl" group refers to an aliphatic carbon group that contains 2-8 (e.g., 2-6 or 2-4) carbon atoms and at least one double bond. Like an alkyl group, an alkenyl group can be straight or branched. Examples of an alkenyl group include, but are not limited to, allyl, isoprenyl, 2-butenyl, and 2-hexenyl. An alkenyl group can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, amino, nitro, carboxy, cyano, halo, hydroxy, sulfo, mercapto, alkylsulfanyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkyl-alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, heterocycloalkyl-carbonylamino, heterocycloalkyl-alkylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylamino, urea, thiourea, sulfamoyl, sulfamide, alkoxycarbonyl, or alkylcarbonyloxy.

As used herein, an "alkynyl" group refers to an aliphatic carbon group that contains 2-8 (e.g., 2-6 or 2-4) carbon atoms and has at least one triple bond. An alkynyl group can be straight or branched. Examples of an alkynyl group include, but are not limited to, propargyl and butynyl. An alkynyl group can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, amino, nitro, carboxy, cyano, halo, hydroxy, sulfo, mercapto, alkylsulfanyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkyl-alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, heterocycloalkyl-carbonylamino, heterocycloalkyl-alkylcarbonylamino,

heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylamino, urea, thiourea, sulfamoyl, sulfamide, alkoxycarbonyl, or alkylcarbonyloxy.

As used herein, an "amino" group refers to  $-NR^X R^Y$  wherein each of  $R^X$  and  $R^Y$  is independently hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycloalkyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl. When the term "amino" is not the terminal group (e.g., alkylcarbonylamino), it is represented by  $-NR^X-$ .  $R^X$  has the same meaning as defined above.

As used herein, an "aryl" group refers to phenyl, naphthyl, or a benzofused group having 2 to 3 rings. For example, a benzofused group includes phenyl fused with one or two  $C_{4-8}$  carbocyclic moieties, e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4-tetrahydronaphthyl, indanyl, or fluorenyl. An aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as alkyl (including carboxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and haloalkyl such as trifluoromethyl), alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, heterocycloalkyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaralkyloxy, aroyl, heteroaroyl, amino, nitro, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, (cycloalkyl)alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)carbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)alkylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylamino, cyano, halo, hydroxy, acyl, mercapto, alkylsulfanyl, sulfoxy, urea, thiourea, sulfamoyl, sulfamide, oxo, or carbamoyl.

As used herein, an "aralkyl" group refers to an alkyl group (e.g., a  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl group) that is substituted with an aryl group. Both "alkyl" and "aryl" have been defined above. An example of an aralkyl group is benzyl.

As used herein, a "cycloalkyl" group refers to an aliphatic carbocyclic ring of 3-10 (e.g., 4-8) carbon atoms. Examples of cycloalkyl groups include cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, adamantyl, norbornyl, cubyl, octahydro-indenyl, decahydro-naphthyl, bicyclo[3.2.1]octyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octyl, bicyclo[3.3.1]nonyl, and bicyclo[3.2.3]nonyl. A "cycloalkenyl" group, as used herein, refers to a non-aromatic carbocyclic ring of 3-10 (e.g., 4-8) carbon atoms having one or more double bond. Examples of cycloalkenyl groups include

cyclopentenyl, 1,4-cyclohexa-di-enyl, cycloheptenyl, cyclooctenyl, hexahydro-indenyl, octahydro-naphthyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octenyl, and bicyclo[3.3.1]nonenyl,. A cycloalkyl or cycloalkenyl group can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as alkyl (including carboxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and haloalkyl such as trifluoromethyl), alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, heterocycloalkyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaralkyloxy, aroyl, heteroaroyl, amino, nitro, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, (cycloalkyl)alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, heterocycloalkyl-carbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)alkylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylamino, cyano, halo, hydroxy, acyl, mercapto, alkylsulfanyl, sulfoxy, urea, thiourea, sulfamoyl, sulfamide, oxo, or carbamoyl.

As used herein, a "heterocycloalkyl" group refers to a 3- to 10-membered (e.g., 4- to 8-membered) saturated ring structure, in which one or more of the ring atoms is a heteroatom, e.g., N, O, or S. Examples of a heterocycloalkyl group include piperidiny, piperaziny, tetrahydropyrany, tetrahydrofuryl, dioxolany, oxazolidiny, isooxazolidiny, morpholiny, octahydro-benzofuryl, octahydro-chromenyl, octahydro-thiochromenyl, octahydro-indolyl, octahydro-pyrindiny, decahydro-quinoliny, octahydro-benzo[*b*]thiophenyl, 2-oxa-bicyclo[2.2.2]octyl, 1-aza-bicyclo[2.2.2]octyl, 3-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octyl, and 2,6-dioxatricyclo[3.3.1.0<sup>3,7</sup>]nonyl. A "heterocycloalkenyl" group, as used herein, refers to a 3- to 10-membered (e.g., 4- to 8-membered) non-aromatic ring structure having one or more double bonds, and wherein one or more of the ring atoms is a heteroatom, e.g., N, O, or S. A heterocycloalkyl or heterocycloalkenyl group can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as alkyl (including carboxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and haloalkyl such as trifluoromethyl), alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, heterocycloalkyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaralkyloxy, aroyl, heteroaroyl, amino, nitro, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkylcarbonylamino,



(cycloalkyl)alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, heterocycloalkyl-carbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)alkylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylamino, cyano, halo, hydroxy, acyl, mercapto, alkylsulfanyl, sulfoxy, urea, thiourea, sulfamoyl, sulfamide, oxo, or carbamoyl.

A "heteroaryl" group, as used herein, refers to a monocyclic, bicyclic, or tricyclic ring structure having 5 to 15 ring atoms wherein one or more of the ring atoms is a heteroatom, e.g., N, O, S, or B and wherein one or more rings of the bicyclic or tricyclic ring structure is aromatic. Some examples of heteroaryl are pyridyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, imidazolyl, indolyl, tetrazolyl, benzofuryl, benzthiazolyl, xanthene, thioxanthene, phenothiazine, dihydroindole, and benzo[1,3]dioxole. A heteroaryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as alkyl (including carboxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and haloalkyl such as trifluoromethyl), alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, heterocycloalkyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaralkyloxy, aroyl, heteroaroyl, amino, nitro, carboxy, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, (cycloalkyl)alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, heterocycloalkyl-carbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)alkylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylamino, cyano, halo, hydroxy, acyl, mercapto, alkylsulfanyl, sulfoxy, urea, thiourea, sulfamoyl, sulfamide, oxo, or carbamoyl. A "heteroaralkyl" group, as used herein, refers to an alkyl group (e.g., a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl group) that is substituted with a heteroaryl group. Both "alkyl" and "heteroaryl" have been defined above.

As used herein, "cyclic moiety" includes cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, or heteroaryl, each of which has been defined previously.

As used herein, an "acyl" group refers to a formyl group or alkyl-C(=O)- where "alkyl" has been defined previously. Acetyl and pivaloyl are examples of acyl groups.

As used herein, a "carbamoyl" group refers to a group having the structure -O-CO-NR<sup>X</sup>R<sup>Y</sup> or -NR<sup>X</sup>-CO-O-R<sup>Z</sup> wherein R<sup>X</sup> and R<sup>Y</sup> have been defined above and R<sup>Z</sup> is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycloalkyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl.

5 As used herein, a "carboxy" and a "sulfo" group refer to -COOH and -SO<sub>3</sub>H, respectively.

As used herein, an "alkoxy" group refers to an alkyl-O- group where "alkyl" has been defined previously.

As used herein, a "sulfoxy" group refers to -O-SO-R<sup>X</sup> or -SO-O-R<sup>X</sup>, where R<sup>X</sup>  
10 has been defined above.

As used herein, a "halogen" or "halo" group refers to fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine.

As used herein, a "sulfamoyl" group refers to the structure -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-NR<sup>X</sup>R<sup>Y</sup> or -NR<sup>X</sup>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-R<sup>Z</sup> wherein R<sup>X</sup>, R<sup>Y</sup>, and R<sup>Z</sup> have been defined above.

15 As used herein, a "sulfamide" group refers to the structure -NR<sup>X</sup>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-NR<sup>Y</sup>R<sup>Z</sup> wherein R<sup>X</sup>, R<sup>Y</sup>, and R<sup>Z</sup> have been defined above.

As used herein, a "urea" group refers to the structure -NR<sup>X</sup>-CO-NR<sup>Y</sup>R<sup>Z</sup> and a "thiourea" group refers to the structure -NR<sup>X</sup>-CS-NR<sup>Y</sup>R<sup>Z</sup>. R<sup>X</sup>, R<sup>Y</sup>, and R<sup>Z</sup> have been defined above.

20 As used herein, an effective amount is defined as the amount which is required to confer a therapeutic effect on the treated patient, and is typically determined based on age, surface area, weight, and condition of the patient. The interrelationship of dosages for animals and humans (based on milligrams per meter squared of body surface) is described by Freireich et al., *Cancer Chemother. Rep.*, 50: 219 (1966).  
25 Body surface area may be approximately determined from height and weight of the patient. See, e.g., Scientific Tables, Geigy Pharmaceuticals, Ardsley, New York, 537 (1970). As used herein, "patient" refers to a mammal, including a human.

An antagonist is a molecule that binds to the receptor without activating the receptor. It competes with the endogenous ligand(s) or substrate(s) for binding site(s)  
30 on the receptor and, thus inhibits the ability of the receptor to transduce an intracellular signal in response to endogenous ligand binding.

As compounds of formula (I) are antagonists of TGF $\beta$  receptor type I (Alk5) and/or activin receptor type I (Alk4), these compounds are useful in inhibiting the consequences of TGF $\beta$  and/or activin signal transduction such as the production of extracellular matrix (e.g., collagen and fibronectin), the differentiation of stromal cells to myofibroblasts, and the stimulation of and migration of inflammatory cells. Thus, compounds of formula (I) inhibit pathological inflammatory and fibrotic responses and possess the therapeutical utility of treating and/or preventing disorders or diseases for which reduction of TGF $\beta$  and/or activin activity is desirable (e.g., various types of fibrosis or progressive cancers).

Unless otherwise defined, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this invention belongs. All publications, patent applications, patents, and other references mentioned herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety. In addition, the materials, methods, and examples are illustrative only and not intended to be limiting.

Other features and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following detailed description, and from the claims.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In general, the invention features compounds of formula (I), which exhibit surprisingly high affinity for the TGF $\beta$  family type I receptors, Alk 5 and/or Alk 4.

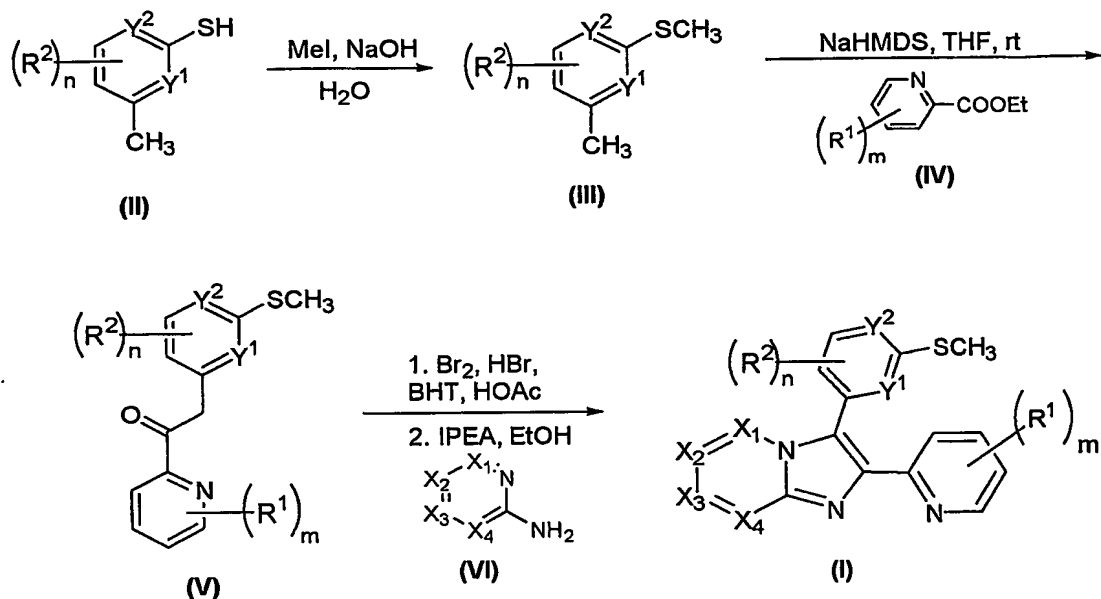
### Synthesis of Compounds of formula (I)

Compounds of formula (I) may be prepared by a number of known methods from commercially available or known starting materials. In one method, compounds of formula (I) are prepared according to Scheme 1 below. Specifically, a starting compound of formula (II) (where R<sup>2</sup> has been selected beforehand) can be methylated in the presence of methyl iodide under a basic condition (e.g., aq. NaOH) to yield form a compound of formula (III), which can be deprotonated under appropriate conditions (e.g., using sodium hexamethyldisilazane (NaHMDS) in THF). Reaction

of the deprotonated compound of formula (III) with a compound of formula (IV) (where  $R^1$  has been selected beforehand) leads to an adduct compound of formula (V). The adduct is then brominated and then cyclize with an amino-substituted heterocycle of formula (VI) to yield a compound of formula (I).

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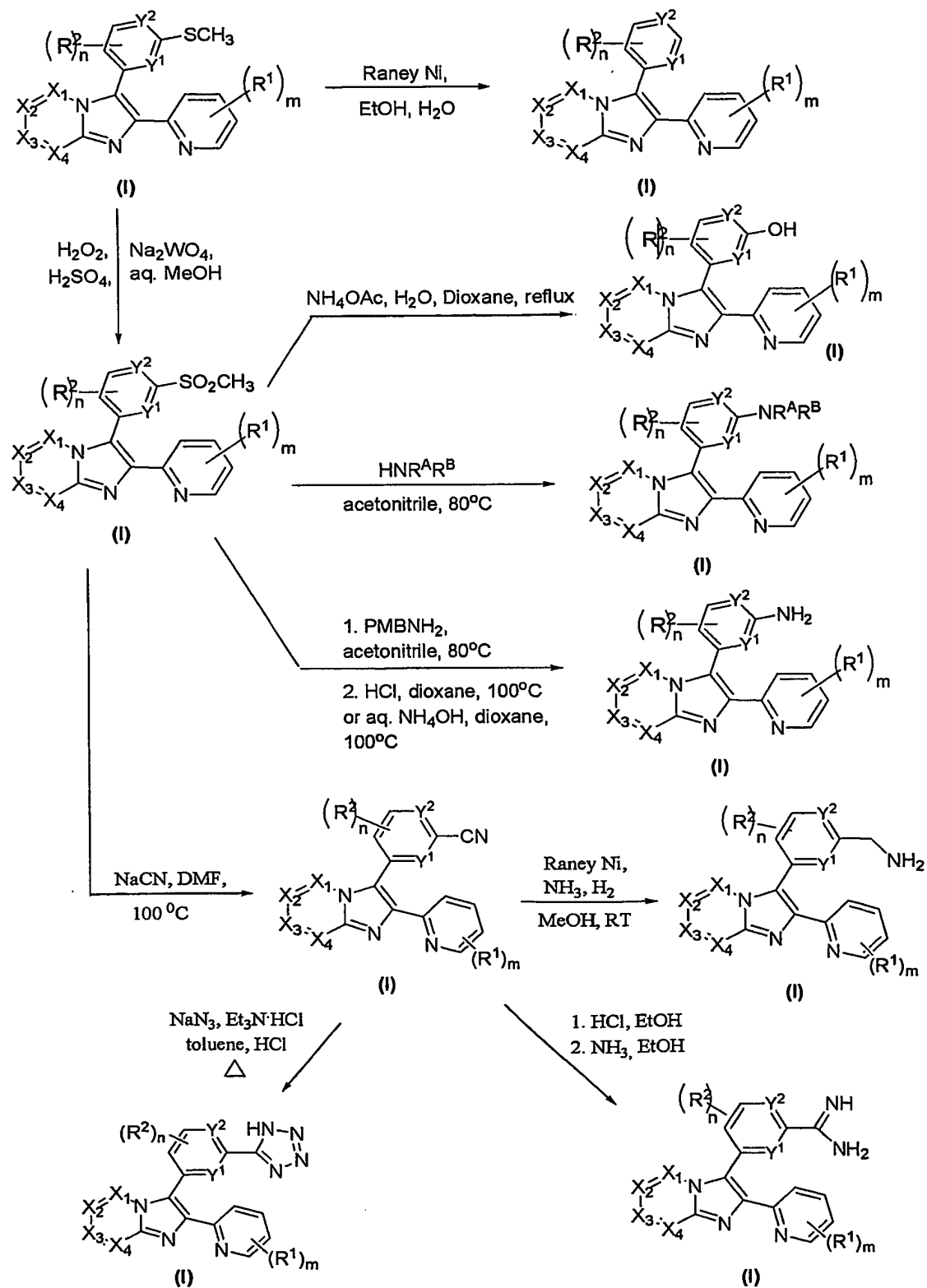
Scheme 1



Referring to Scheme 2 below, the thioether-substituted compound of formula (I) (see end product in Scheme 1) can be further modified to form other compounds of formula (I). Note that each of  $R^A$  and  $R^B$  represents hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycloalkyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl.

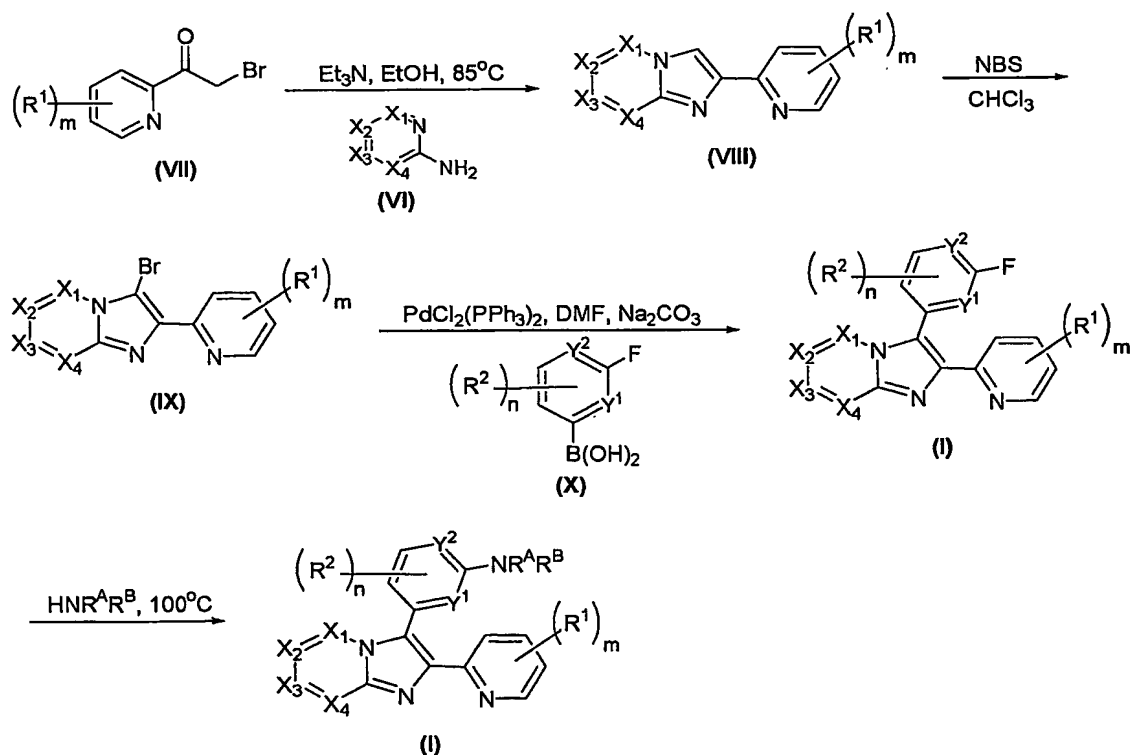
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Scheme 2



Alternatively, compounds of formula (I) can be prepared according to Scheme 3 below. Specifically, a compound of formula (VII) can cyclize with an amino-substituted heterocycle of formula (VI) to yield a compound of formula (VIII), which can be brominated to form a compound of formula (IX). Compounds of formula (IX) and formula (X) can undergo a Suzuki coupling reaction to yield a compound of formula (I), which can be further modified to form other compounds of formula (I). See the amination reaction as illustrated in the last step of Scheme 3 above (each of  $R^A$  and  $R^B$  having the same meaning as provided above). For preparation of a compound of formula (X), see WO 02/16359.

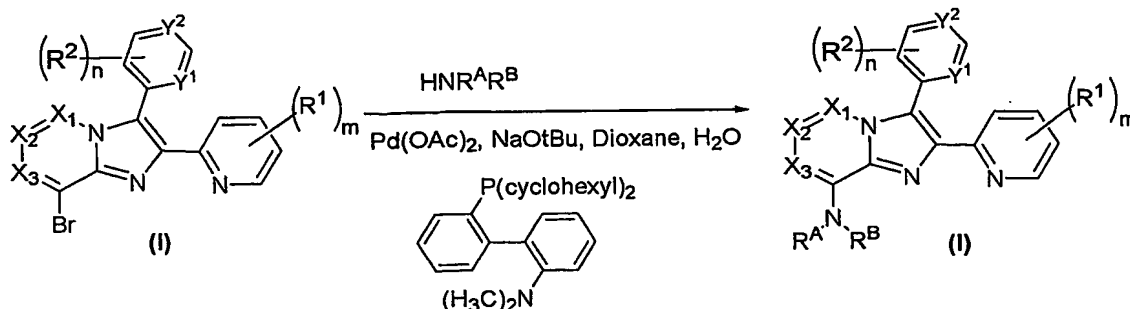
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**Scheme 3**

Alternatively, a bromo-substituted compound of formula (I) can be modified to other compounds of formula (I) according to Scheme 4 below.

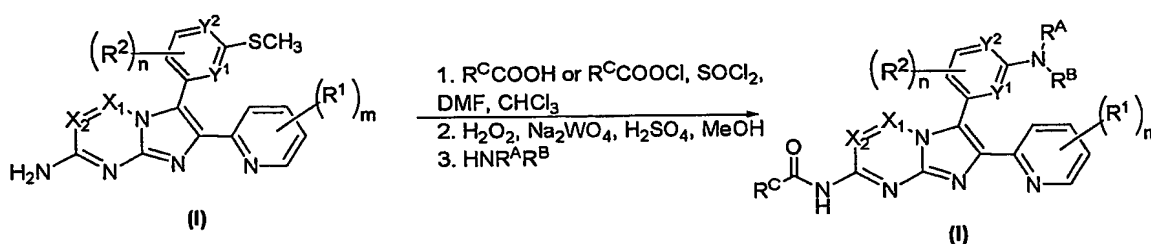
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## Scheme 4



Alternatively, an amino-substituted compound of formula (I) can be modified to other compounds of formula (I) according to Scheme 5 below, where  $\text{R}^{\text{C}}$  represents alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycloalkyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl.

## Scheme 5



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It should be noted that the methods illustrated in Schemes above are merely examples. One skilled in the art can easily modify these methods to produce compounds of formula (I) other than those shown in the Schemes. For example, one can replace the mono(methylsulfanyl)-substituted compound of formula (III) in Scheme 1 with a di(methylsulfanyl)-substituted derivative (e.g., 4-methyl-2,6-bis-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidine, which can be prepared according to, e.g., *Aust. J. Chem.* 34:1729 (1981), *Syn. Commun.* 10:791 (1980), or *Synthesis* 70-72 (1988)), thus resulting in various di-substituted compounds of formula (I) (i.e., disubstituted derivatives of compounds of formula (I) as shown in Schemes 1 and 2).

In one embodiment of the invention the molecular weight of the inventive compound is no more than 1200. In another embodiment of the invention the molecular weight is no more than 1000.

As will be obvious to a skilled person in the art, some intermediates may need to be protected before undergoing synthetic steps as described above. For suitable protecting groups, see, e.g., T. W. Greene, *Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis*, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York (1981).

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#### Uses of Compounds of formula (I)

As discussed above, hyperactivity of the TGF $\beta$  family signaling pathways can result in excess deposition of extracellular matrix and increased inflammatory responses, which can then lead to fibrosis in tissues and organs (e.g., lung, kidney,  
10 and liver) and ultimately result in organ failure. See, e.g., Border, W.A. and Ruoslahti E. *J. Clin. Invest.* 90: 1-7 (1992) and Border, W.A. and Noble, N.A. *N. Engl. J. Med.* 331: 1286-1292 (1994). Studies have been shown that the expression of TGF $\beta$  and/or activin mRNA and the level of TGF $\beta$  and/or activin are increased in patients suffering from various fibrotic disorders, e.g., fibrotic kidney diseases, alcohol-induced and  
15 autoimmune hepatic fibrosis, myelofibrosis, bleomycin-induced pulmonary fibrosis, and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

Compounds of formula (I), which are antagonists of the TGF $\beta$  family type I receptors, Alk 5 and/or Alk 4, and inhibit TGF $\beta$  and/or activin signaling pathway, are therefore useful for treating and/or preventing fibrotic disorders or diseases mediated  
20 by an increased level of TGF $\beta$  and/or activin activity. As used herein, a compound inhibits the TGF $\beta$  family signaling pathway when it binds (e.g., with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of less than 10  $\mu$ M; preferably, less than 1  $\mu$ M; more preferably, less than 0.1  $\mu$ M) to a receptor of the pathway (e.g., Alk 5 and/or Alk 4), thereby competing with the endogenous ligand(s) or substrate(s) for binding site(s) on the receptor and reducing  
25 the ability of the receptor to transduce an intracellular signal in response to the endogenous ligand or substrate binding. The aforementioned disorders or diseases include any conditions (a) marked by the presence of an abnormally high level of TGF $\beta$  and/or activin; and/or (b) an excess accumulation of extracellular matrix; and/or (c) an increased number and synthetic activity of myofibroblasts. These  
30 disorders or diseases include, but are not limited to, fibrotic conditions such as scleroderma, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, glomerulonephritis, diabetic nephropathy,



lupus nephritis, hypertension-induced nephropathy, ocular or corneal scarring, hepatic or biliary fibrosis, acute lung injury, pulmonary fibrosis, post-infarction cardiac fibrosis, fibrosclerosis, fibrotic cancers, fibroids, fibroma, fibroadenomas, and fibrosarcomas. Other fibrotic conditions for which preventive treatment with  
5 compounds of formula (I) can have therapeutic utility include radiation therapy-induced fibrosis, chemotherapy-induced fibrosis, surgically induced scarring including surgical adhesions, laminectomy, and coronary restenosis.

Increased TGF $\beta$  activity is also found to manifest in patients with progressive cancers. Studies have shown that in late stages of various cancers, both the tumor  
10 cells and the stromal cells within the tumors generally overexpress TGF $\beta$ . This leads to stimulation of angiogenesis and cell motility, suppression of the immune system, and increased interaction of tumor cells with the extracellular matrix. See, e.g., Hojo, M. et al., *Nature* 397: 530-534 (1999). As a result, the tumors cells become more invasive and metastasize to distant organs. See, e.g., Maehara, Y. et al., *J. Clin.*  
15 *Oncol.* 17: 607-614 (1999) and Picon, A. et al., *Cancer Epidemiol. Biomarkers Prev.* 7: 497-504 (1998). Thus, compounds of formula (I), which are antagonists of the TGF $\beta$  type I receptor and inhibit TGF $\beta$  signaling pathway, are also useful for treating and/or preventing various late stage cancers which overexpress TGF $\beta$ . Such late stage cancers include carcinomas of the lung, breast, liver, biliary tract,  
20 gastrointestinal tract, head and neck, pancreas, prostate, cervix as well as multiple myeloma, melanoma, glioma, and glioblastomas.

Importantly, it should be pointed out that because of the chronic and in some cases localized nature of disorders or diseases mediated by overexpression of TGF $\beta$  and/or activin (e.g., fibrosis or cancers), small molecule treatments (such as treatment  
25 disclosed in the present invention) are favored for long-term treatment.

Not only are compounds of formula (I) useful in treating disorders or diseases mediated by high levels of TGF $\beta$  and/or activin activity, these compounds can also be used to prevent the same disorders or diseases. It is known that polymorphisms leading to increased TGF $\beta$  and/or activin production have been associated with  
30 fibrosis and hypertension. Indeed, high serum TGF $\beta$  levels are correlated with the

development of fibrosis in patients with breast cancer who have received radiation therapy, chronic graft-versus-host-disease, idiopathic interstitial pneumonitis, veno-occlusive disease in transplant recipients, and peritoneal fibrosis in patients undergoing continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis. Thus, the levels of TGF $\beta$  and/or activin in serum and of TGF $\beta$  and/or activin mRNA in tissue can be measured and used as diagnostic or prognostic markers for disorders or diseases mediated by overexpression of TGF $\beta$  and/or activin, and polymorphisms in the gene for TGF $\beta$  that determine the production of TGF $\beta$  and/or activin can also be used in predicting susceptibility to disorders or diseases. See, e.g., Blobe, G.C. et al., *N. Engl. J. Med.* 342(18): 1350-1358 (2000); Matsuse, T. et al., *Am. J. Respir. Cell Mol. Biol.* 13: 17-24 (1995); Inoue, S. et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm.* 205: 441-448 (1994); Matsuse, T. et al., *Am. J. Pathol.* 148: 707-713 (1996); De Bleser et al., *Hepatology* 26: 905-912 (1997); Pawlowski, J.E., et al., *J. Clin. Invest.* 100: 639-648 (1997); and Sugiyama, M. et al., *Gastroenterology* 114: 550-558 (1998).

#### 15 Administration of Compounds of formula (I)

As defined above, an effective amount is the amount which is required to confer a therapeutic effect on the treated patient. For a compound of formula (I), an effective amount can range from about 1 mg/kg to about 150 mg/kg (e.g., from about 1 mg/kg to about 100 mg/kg). Effective doses will also vary, as recognized by those skilled in the art, dependant on route of administration, excipient usage, and the possibility of co-usage with other therapeutic treatments including use of other therapeutic agents and/or radiation therapy.

Compounds of formula (I) can be administered in any manner suitable for the administration of pharmaceutical compounds, including, but not limited to, pills, tablets, capsules, aerosols, suppositories, liquid formulations for ingestion or injection or for use as eye or ear drops, dietary supplements, and topical preparations. The pharmaceutically acceptable compositions include aqueous solutions of the active agent, in a isotonic saline, 5% glucose or other well-known pharmaceutically acceptable excipient. Solubilizing agents such as cyclodextrins, or other solubilizing agents well-known to those familiar with the art, can be utilized as pharmaceutical

excipients for delivery of the therapeutic compounds. As to route of administration, the compositions can be administered orally, intranasally, transdermally, intradermally, vaginally, intraaurally, intraocularly, buccally, rectally, transmucosally, or via inhalation, implantation (e.g., surgically), or intravenous administration. The  
5 compositions can be administered to an animal (e.g., a mammal such as a human, non-human primate, horse, dog, cow, pig, sheep, goat, cat, mouse, rat, guinea pig, rabbit, hamster, gerbil, ferret, lizard, reptile, or bird).

Optionally, compounds of formula (I) can be administered in conjunction with one or more other agents that inhibit the TGF $\beta$  signaling pathway or treat the  
10 corresponding pathological disorders (e.g., fibrosis or progressive cancers) by way of a different mechanism of action. Examples of these agents include angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors, nonsteroid, steroid anti-inflammatory agents, and chemotherapeutics or radiation, as well as agents that antagonize ligand binding or activation of the TGF $\beta$  receptors, e.g., anti-TGF $\beta$ , anti-TGF $\beta$  receptor antibodies, or  
15 antagonists of the TGF $\beta$  type II receptors.

The invention will be further described in the following examples, which do not limit the scope of the invention described in the claims.

**Example 1****2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine**

Synthesis of the title compound is described in parts (a)-(c) below.

**5 (a) 4-Methyl-2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidine**

Crushed sodium hydroxide (272.7 mmol) was added to a slurry of 2-mercapto-4-methylpyrimidine HCl (122.8 mmol) in water (175 mL) at room temperature. After 15 minutes, iodomethane (134.9 mmol) was added dropwise to the dark brown solution with formation of an orange precipitate. The slurry was stirred at room  
10 temperature for 3.5 hours and then extracted with methylene chloride (3 x 60 mL). The combined organic phases were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 17.141 g of a dark brown oil identified as 4-methyl-2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 5.06 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 5.12 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 141.14 (M+1).

**15 (b) 1-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-ethanone**

Sodium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide/THF (1.0 M, 74 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 4-methyl-2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidine (36.89 mmol) and 6-methyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (36.80 mmol) in anhydrous THF (74 mL) under a nitrogen atmosphere in a room temperature water bath. After stirring for 3  
20 hours, the reaction was quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (110 mL) and the organic and aqueous phases were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with water (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a dark orange solid, which was then slurried in ether at room temperature for 1 hour, cooled at 0 °C  
25 overnight, filtered, and air dried to give 4.85 g of a dark brown solid identified as the enol of 1-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-ethanone. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) : 2.60 (s, 6H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 5.35 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.54 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 7.72, 7.72 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.72 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 5.37 Hz, 1H), 14.30 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 260.16 (M+1). The ether solution  
30 was concentrated *in vacuo*, dissolved in ethyl acetate, treated with decolorizing carbon, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a solid, which was slurried in ether

at room temperature for 1 hour, cooled at 0°C overnight, filtered, and air dried to give 0.63 g of a light brown solid identified as a 4:1 mixture of the ketone/enol form of 1-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-ethanone.

**(c) 2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine**

Hydrogen bromide/acetic acid (30 wt%, 2.07 mmol) and 0.99 M bromine/acetic acid (1.21 mmol) was added to a solution of 1-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-ethanone (0.89 mmol) and catalytic BHT in glacial acetic acid (4 mL) at room temperature to form a precipitate. After 1 hour of stirring, the reaction was diluted to 50 mL with ether, filtered, washed with ether, air dried briefly and then dissolved in ethanol (6 mL). The ethanolic solution was added dropwise to a solution of 2-aminopyridine (0.965 mmol) and diisopropylethylamine (2.67 mmol) in ethanol (1 mL) at 67°C. After stirring 3.5 hours, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and partitioned between ether (20 mL) and 1 M HCl (10 mL). The aqueous phase was washed with ether (2 x 10 mL), cooled in an ice bath and solid sodium bicarbonate was added until the solution was neutral. The slurry was cooled at 0°C, filtered and air dried to give 0.18 g of brown solid, which was identified as the title compound, 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 7.18, 6.73 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 5.42 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 4.49 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 7.44, 8.35 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 4.43 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 8.96 Hz, 2H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 5.38 Hz, 1H), 9.49 (d, *J* = 7.09 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 334.15 (M+1).

**Example 2**

**3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine**

Sulfuric acid (4.0 N, 0.04 mmol), catalytic sodium tungstate dihydrate, and 30 wt % hydrogen peroxide (1.01 mmol) was added to a slurry of 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.31 mmol; see Example 1 for its preparation) in methanol (2 mL) at 55°C. All solids dissolved at the

beginning of the reaction, then a precipitate formed. After 3 hours of stirring, the reaction was diluted with water (2 mL) and warmed to 55°C for a further 0.5 hour. The reaction was then cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated sodium thiosulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The solid was partitioned between ethyl acetate (20 mL) and water (10 mL). The organic phase was washed with 2M sodium carbonate (7 mL) and brine (7 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 0.10 g of a yellow solid identified as the title compound, 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): 2.54 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 6.93, 7.76 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.61 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.32, 7.67 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 7.73, 7.73 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.91 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 9.02 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 5.58 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, *J* = 5.55 Hz, 1H), 9.74 (d, *J* = 7.08 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 366.09 (M+1).

### **Example 3**

#### **(4-Methoxy-benzyl)-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine**

A slurry of 4-methoxybenzylamine (0.54 mmol) and 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.27 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) in acetonitrile (1 mL) was warmed to reflux. After refluxing for 20 hours, 4-methoxybenzylamine (0.27 mmol) was added. After refluxing for an additional 4.5 hours, the reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow solid. This solid was dissolved in chloroform (20 mL), washed with 5% citric acid (6 mL), 10% sodium bicarbonate (6 mL) and brine (7 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 0.11 g of a yellow wax, which was identified as the title compound, (4-methoxy-benzyl)-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): 2.57 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 6.6-6.71 (br m, 1H), 6.89-6.94 (m, 2H), 7.18 (br d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.89 (br d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (br d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 9.16 (br s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 423.20 (M+1); MS (ESP-) 421.21 (M-1).

**Example 4****4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine**

5 A solution of (4-methoxy-benzyl)-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine (0.2627 mmol; see Example 3 for its preparation) in 1:1 dioxane/5N HCl (4 mL) was warmed to 100°C for 2 days. The resultant solution was then concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 0.02 g of a yellow solid, which  
10 was identified as the TFA salt of the title compound, 4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.48 (s, 3H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 1.1, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, *J* = 1.1, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 9.59 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H);  
15 MS (ESP+) 303.11 (M+1).

**Example 5****3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine**

20 A solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine (0.0718 mmol; prepared in accordance with Example 2) and 28 wt % ammonium hydroxide (4.34 mmol) in dioxane (2 mL) was warmed to 100°C in a sealed tube. After 19.5 hours, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1%  
25 TFA) to give 0.0200 g of a yellow solid identified as the TFA salt of the title compound, 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz): 2.49 (s, 1.5H), 2.50 (s, 1.5H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 5.37 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.71 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (br s, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.75 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.74 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 7.79, 7.17 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 5.37 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (br s, 2H), 9.32 (d, *J* = 7.53 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 319.18 (M+1).  
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**Example 6****2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-morpholin-4-yl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine**

5           A solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.121 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and 4-aminomorpholine (0.38 mmol) in anhydrous acetonitrile (1 mL) was warmed to 100°C in a sealed tube. After 3 days, 4-aminomorpholine (0.76 mmol) was added and the reaction warmed at 100°C for an additional day. The reaction was then  
10   concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via reverse phase HPLC (water/acetonitrile gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 0.0258 g of an orange solid identified as the TFA salt of the title compound, 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-morpholin-4-yl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz): 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.60-3.71 (m, 4H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 6.75 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 6.79, 7.11 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.70 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 7.57, 8.26 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.75 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 9.01 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 7.74, 7.78 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 5.12 Hz, 1H), 9.13 (d, *J* = 7.01 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 373.19 (M+1).

**Example 7****20   (4-Amino-benzyl)-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine**

          In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.147 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and 4-aminomethyl-phenylamine (0.443 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was  
25   warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was then concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 45% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 32 mg of (4-amino-benzyl)-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.58 (s, 3H), 4.58 (d,



2H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 6.72 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.0$  Hz), 7.19 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 7.42 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 7.82 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.3$  Hz), 7.92 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 8.16 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.0$  Hz); MS (ESP+) 408.2 (M+1).

#### 5 **Example 8**

**{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-amine**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.147 mmol; see Example 2 for its  
10 preparation) ) and 2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl amine (0.443 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 34 mg of {4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-amine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.53  
15 (s, 3H), 3.40 (m, 2H), 3.42 (m, 4H), 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.91 (m, 4H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 0.7$  Hz, 6.9, 6.9 Hz), 7.39 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 7.84 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 7.91 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.6$ , 7.6 Hz), 8.37 (d, 1H,  $J = 4.8$  Hz); MS (ESP+) 416.3 (M+1).

#### **Example 9**

20 **N,N-Dimethyl-N'-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-ethane-1,2-diamine**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.192 mmol; see Example 2 for its  
25 preparation) and N,N-dimethylethyldiamine (0.574 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 10 mg of N,N-dimethyl-N'-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-ethane-1,2-diamine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.89 (d, 6H, 3.6 Hz), 3.35 (ddd, 2H,  $J = 6.0$ , 5.7, 5.7 Hz), 3.72 (ddd, 2H,  $J = 6.0$ , 5.7  
30 Hz), 6.85 (s, 1H), 7.20 (dd, 1H,  $J = 6.9$ , 6.9 Hz), 7.40 (d, 1H, 7.8 Hz), 7.61 (m, 2H),

7.80 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.84 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.9$  Hz), 7.92 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.9, 7.9$  Hz), 8.36 (d, 1H,  $J = 4.9$  Hz); MS (ESP+) 374.2 (M+1).

### Example 10

5 **N-(2-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-ethyl)-acetamide**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.192 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and N-(2-amino-ethyl)-acetamide (0.689 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/ H<sub>2</sub>O) to yield 22 mg of N-(2-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-ethyl)-acetamide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 1.85 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 3.32(q, 2H,  $J = 6.2$ ), 3.46 (bm, 2H), 6.76 (bs, 1H), 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 7.72 (dd, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.81 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.90 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.0$  Hz), 7.99 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 8.03 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.5$  Hz), 8.33 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.4$  Hz), 9.46 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 388.2 (M+1).

### Example 11

20 **N-(4-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-acetamide**

In a sealed tube, a slurry of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.171 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation), N-acetylputricine hydrochlorate (0.546 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.683 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 12 mg of N-(4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-acetamide as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 1.51 (quintet, 2H,  $J = 6.7$  Hz), 1.51 (quintet, 2H,  $J = 6.7$  Hz), 1.82 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 3.10 (q, 2H, 6.5 Hz), 3.39 (bm, 2H), 6.75 (bs, 1H), 7.30 (bm, 1H), 7.49

(d, 1H,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 7.71 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 7.81 (d, 1H,  $J = 8$  Hz), 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.90 (d, 1H,  $J = 9$  Hz), 7.99 (dd, 1H,  $J = 8.0, 8.0$  Hz), 8.30 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.6$  Hz); MS (ESP+) 416.2 (M+1).

#### **Example 12**

5 **{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2-pyridin-3-yl-ethyl)-amine**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.171 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and pyridin-3-yl-ethylamine (0.565 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 40 mg of {4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2-pyridin-3-yl-ethyl)-amine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.54 (s, 3H), 3.10 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.5$  Hz), 3.71 (m, 2H), 6.76 (bs, 1H), 7.23 (dd, 1H,  $J = 6.8, 6.8$  Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.65 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.72 (bm, 1H), 7.78 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.3$  Hz), 7.83 (bm, 1H), 7.87 (d, 1H, 9.4 Hz), 7.95 (dd, 1H,  $J = 8.3, 8.3$  Hz), 8.31 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 8.71 (d, 1H,  $J = 6.2$  Hz), 8.79 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 408.2 (M+1).

#### **Example 13**

20 **{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2-pyridin-4-yl-ethyl)-amine**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.171 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and pyridin-4-yl-ethylamine (0.565 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 67 mg of {4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2-pyridin-4-yl-ethyl)-amine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.53 (s, 3H), 3.20 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 3.76 (q, 2H,  $J = 6.4$  Hz), 6.77 (bs, 1H), 7.21 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.0, 7.0$  Hz), 7.42 (d, 1H, 7.6 Hz), 7.63 (dd, 1H,  $J = 8.2, 8.2$  Hz), 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.79 (d, 1H,  $J$

= 7.7 Hz), 7.86 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz), 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.94 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 7.8, 7.8 Hz), 8.32 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz), 8.79 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz); MS (ESP+) 408.2 (M+1).

#### **Example 14**

5    **(4-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.191 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and (4-amino-butyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester (0.611 mmol) in  
10    CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O) to yield 44 mg of (4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.50 (quintet, 2H,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz), 1.58 (quintet, 2H,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.98 (q,  
15    2H,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz), 3.35 (m, 2H), 6.60 (bs, 1H), 6.81 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 5.3, 5.3 Hz), 7.09 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 6.4, 6.4 Hz), 7.28 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.47 (ddd, 1H,  $J$  = 1.1, 6.8, 6.8 Hz), 7.73 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 7.7, 7.7 Hz), 7.81 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 7.7, 7.7 Hz), 8.19 (d, 1H, 5.5 Hz), 9.45 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 474.2 (M+1).

#### **Example 15**

20    **N<sup>1</sup>-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-butane-1,4-diamine**

A solution of (4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester (see Example 14 for its preparation) in 1:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> /TFA (2 mL) was allowed to stir for 30 min, then dried *in vacuo* to yield 12 mg of N<sup>1</sup>-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-butane-1,4-diamine as the tri-TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 1.67 (m, 4H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.87 (m, 2H), 3.42 (m, 2H), 6.76 (bs, 1H), 7.28 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 6.9, 6.9 Hz), 7.47 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz), 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.74 (bs, 2H), 7.81

(d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.90 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.0$  Hz), 7.97 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.9, 7.9$  Hz), 8.31 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.4$  Hz), 9.49 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 374.3 ( $M+1$ ).

#### Example 16

5     **(3-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-propyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.191 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and (3-amino-propyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester (0.602 mmol) in  
10     CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O) to yield 27 mg of (3-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-propyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.73 (quintet, 2H,  $J = 6.7$  Hz), 2.53 (s, 3H), 3.05 (q, 2H,  $J = 6.2$  Hz), 3.36 (m, 2H),  
15     6.63 (bs, 1H), 6.87 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.6, 5.6$  Hz), 7.12 (dd, 1H, 6.5, 6.5 Hz), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 7.51 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 1.1, 6.8, 6.8$  Hz), 7.77 (dd, 2H, 7.7 Hz), 7.84 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.1, 7.1$  Hz), 8.23 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.3$  Hz), 9.47 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 459.9 ( $M+1$ ).

20     **Example 17**

**N<sup>1</sup>-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-propane-1,3-diamine**

A solution of (3-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-propyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester (see Example 16 for its preparation) in 1: 1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> /TFA (2 mL) was allowed to stir at RT for 30 min, then  
25     dried *in vacuo* to yield 48 mg of N<sup>1</sup>-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-propane-1,3-diamine as the tri-TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 1.90 (quintet, 2H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.93 (septet, 2H,  $J = 6.7$  Hz), 3.45 (q, 2H,  $J = 5.4$  Hz), 6.76 (bs, 1H), 7.23 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.0, 7.0$  Hz),  
30     7.43 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.4$  Hz), 7.67 (m, 4H), 7.80 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 7.86 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.1$

Hz), 7.95 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.9, 7.9$  Hz), 8.32 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.3$  Hz), 9.44 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 360.2 (M+1).

### Example 18

5    **{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propyl)-amine**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.205 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and 3-propylamino morpholine (0.670 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was  
10    warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 20 mg of {4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propyl)-amine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz) : 1.97 (m, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 3.08 (m, 2H), 3.18 (m, 2H), 3.41 (m, 4H), 3.64 (bs, 2H), 3.94 (bs, 2H),  
15    6.73 (bs, 1H), 7.17 (dd, 1H,  $J = 6.5, 6.5$  Hz), 7.37 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.81 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.0$  Hz), 7.89 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.6, 7.6$  Hz), 8.28 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.4$  Hz), 9.39 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 430.2 (M+1).

### Example 19

20    **{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2-pyridin-2-yl-ethyl)-amine**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.193 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and 2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylamine (0.641 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was  
25    warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O) to yield 24 mg of {4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2-pyridin-2-yl-ethyl)-amine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.06 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.7$  Hz), 3.71 (q, 2H,  $J = 6$  Hz), 6.63 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.0$  Hz), 7.07 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 0.8, 7.1, 7.1$  Hz), 7.23 (m,  
30    1H), 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.81 (t, 1H, 7.9 Hz), 8.20 (d, 1H,  $J =$

5.4 Hz), 8.53 (dddd, 1H,  $J = 0.8, 5.0, 5.0, 5.0$  Hz), 9.47 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.1$  Hz); MS (ESP+) 408.1 (M+1).

#### **Example 20**

5    **4-(2-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-ethyl)-benzenesulfonamide**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.193 mmol; see Example 2 for its  
10    preparation) and 4-(2-amino-ethyl)-benzenesulfonamide (0.639 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O) to yield 13 mg of 4-(2-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-ethyl)-benzenesulfonamide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.98 (t, 2H,  $J =$   
15    6.5 Hz), 3.59 (q, 2H,  $J = 6.5$  Hz), 6.66 (bs, 1H), 7.07 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.0, 7.0$  Hz), 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.75 (m, 4H), 7.81 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.7, 7.7$  Hz), 8.23 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.0$  Hz), 9.40 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 486.0 (M+1).

#### **Example 21**

20    **Methyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.137 mmol; see Example 2 for its  
25    preparation) and 2.00 M methylamine/THF (1.00 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/) to yield 17 mg of methyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.93 (d, 3H,  $J = 5.0$  Hz), 6.66 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.4$  Hz),  
7.12 (dd, 1H,  $J = 6.7, 6.7$  Hz), 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.51 (m, 1H),  
30    7.78 (m, 2H), 7.85 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.6, 7.6$  Hz), 8.25 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.0$  Hz), 9.49 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz); MS (ESP+) 317.2 (M+1).

**Example 22****Dimethyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine**

5 In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.136 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and 2.0 M dimethylamine/THF (1 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O) to yield 17 mg of dimethyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.46 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 6H), 6.70 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 7.14 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.8, 6.8 Hz), 7.32 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 7.52 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.85 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8, 7.8 Hz), 8.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.4, 5.4 Hz), 9.39 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz); MS (ESP+) 331.2 (M+1).

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**Example 23****(3-Imidazol-1-yl-propyl)-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine**

20 In a sealed tube, a solution 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.273 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and imidazol-1-yl-propylamine (0.905 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (4 mL) was warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 8 mg of (3-imidazol-1-yl-propyl)-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.12 (p, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.37 (m, 2H), 4.23 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 6.70 (bs, 1H), 7.11 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.9, 6.9 Hz), 7.31 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6), 7.34 (bs, 1H), 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.57 (bs, 1H), 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.85 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 8.26 (d, 1H, 5.3 Hz), 8.46 (bs, 1H), 9.38 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 411.2 (M+1).

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**Example 24****3-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-phenol**

5 In a sealed tube, a slurry of solid KHMDS (0.501 mmol) and 3-aminophenol (0.458 mmol) in anhydrous dioxane (2 mL) was stirred for 1 hour. 3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.137 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) was added to the reaction and the mixture was allowed to stir for 2 days at 80 °C. The mixture was concentrated *in*  
10 *vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 12 mg of 3-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-phenol as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.55 (s, 3H), 6.70 (m, 2H), 7.02 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.1, 7.1 Hz), 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.40 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 7.58 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.83 (m, 2H),  
15 7.95 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.3, 7.3 Hz), 8.62 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 9.13 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.5 Hz); MS (ESP+) 395.2 (M+1).

**Example 25****{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-[1,3,4]thiadiazol-2-yl-amine**

In a sealed tube, a slurry of solid KHMDS (0.501 mmol) and [1,3,4]thiadiazol-2-ylamine (0.454 mmol) in anhydrous dioxane (2 mL) was stirred for 1 hour. 3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.137 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) was added to the reaction and the  
25 mixture was allowed to stir for 2 days at 80 °C. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 23 mg of {4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-[1,3,4]thiadiazol-2-yl-amine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.51 (s, 3H), 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, 1H, 7.4 Hz), 7.60 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz), 7.86  
30 (m, 3H), 8.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 9.07 (s, 1H), 9.59 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 387.1 (M+1).

**Example 26**

**(5-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-pentyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester**

5 In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.205 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and (5-amino-pentyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester (0.677 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was warmed at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to  
10 yield 65 mg of (5-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-pentyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.62 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.96 (m, 2H), 3.37 (m, 2H), 6.78 (bs, 1H), 6.82 (bs, 1H), 7.30 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.0, 5.0 Hz), 7.49 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.70 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.1, 8.1 Hz), 7.81 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz),  
15 7.90 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.95 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz), 8.30 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.0 Hz); MS (ESP+) 488.2 (M+1).

**Example 27**

**[3-(4-Methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine**

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In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.205 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and 3-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propylamine (0.680 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was warmed to reflux overnight. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified on the preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O) to yield 20 mg  
25 of [3-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 1.78 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 3.38 (m, 2H), 6.65 (bs, 1H), 7.11 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.0, 7.0, 7.0 Hz), 7.32 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.51 (m, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.78 (m,

2H), 7.85 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.8, 7.8$  Hz), 8.24 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.5$  Hz), 9.45 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 443.4 (M+1).

#### **Example 28**

5    **Cyclopropyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.205 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and cyclopropylamine (14.4 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was warmed to reflux overnight. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 40 mg of cyclopropyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 0.66 (m, 2H), 0.84 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.82 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, 2H,  $J = 5.5$  Hz), 7.30 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.5, 7.5$  Hz), 7.48 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 7.70 (dd, 1H,  $J = 8.1, 8.1$  Hz), 7.83 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 7.89 (d, 1H, 9.3 Hz), 7.98 (dd, 1H,  $J = 8.0, 8.0$  Hz), 8.30 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 9.74 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 343.3 (M+1).

#### **Example 29**

20    **2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.205 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and pyrrolidine (1.20 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was warmed to reflux overnight. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 80% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 40 mg 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.00 (bm, 4H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 3.60 (bm, 4H), 6.71 (bs, 1H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.44 (d, 1H, 7.3 Hz), 7.68 (bm, 1H), 7.77 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 7.86 (d,

1H,  $J = 8.9$  Hz), 7.95 (bm, 1H), 8.33 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.4$  Hz), 9.46 (d, 1H,  $J = 6.1$  Hz); MS (ESP+) 357.4 (M+1).

### Example 30

5    **2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.205 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and piperidine (1.01 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was warmed to reflux  
10    overnight. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 80% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 24 mg of 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.67 (m, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 3.81 (m, 4H), 6.74 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.0$  Hz), 7.24 (ddd, 1H,  $J = 0.8, 7.7, 7.7$  Hz), 7.43 (d, 1H, 7.6 Hz), 7.63 (m,  
15    1H), 7.77 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 7.84 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), 7.92 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 8.37 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.2$  Hz), 9.18 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.1$  Hz); MS (ESP+) 371.4 (M+1).

### Example 31

20    **(2-Methoxy-ethyl)-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.205 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and 2-methoxy-ethylamine (1.16 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was warmed to reflux overnight. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via  
25    preparatory HPLC (5 → 80% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 42 mg of (2-methoxy-ethyl)-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.58 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.57 (bm, 4H), 6.77 (bs, 1H), 7.28 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.1, 7.1$  Hz), 7.49 (d, 1H,  $J = 8$  Hz), 7.78 (dd, 1H,  $J = 8.7, 8.7$  Hz), 7.82 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 7.89 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.3$  Hz),

7.99 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.8, 7.8$  Hz), 8.31 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.5$  Hz), 9.50 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 361.4 (M+1).

### Example 32

5 **3-[2-(4-Methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.205 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and 1-methyl-piperazine (0.900 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was warmed to reflux overnight. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 80% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 19 mg of 3-[2-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.89 (s, 3H), 3.13 (m, 2H), 3.33 (m, 2H), 3.57 (m, 2H), 4.74 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.1$  Hz), 7.15 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.0, 7.0$  Hz), 7.35 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 7.57 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.7, 7.7$  Hz), 7.80 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 7.85 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.6$  Hz), 7.89 (dd, 1H,  $J = 7.9, 7.9$  Hz), 8.46 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.5$  Hz), 9.16 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 9.93 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 386.4 (M+1).

### Example 33

20 **3-[2-(2-Methyl-aziridin-1-yl)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.137 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and 2-methyl-aziridine (0.849 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was warmed to reflux overnight. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 11 mg of 3-[2-(2-methyl-aziridin-1-yl)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 1.16 (d, 3H,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 2.56 (s, 3H), 3.36 (m, 2H), 3.90 (m, 1H), 6.75 (m, 1H), 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.91 (m, 1H), 8.20 (m, 1H), 9.54 (m, 1H); MS (ESP+) 343.2 (M+1).

**Example 34**

**{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-amine**

5 In a sealed tube, a slurry of solid KHMDS (0.501 mmol) and 2H-pyrazol-3-ylamine (0.454 mmol) in anhydrous dioxane (2 mL) was stirred for 1 hour. 3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.137 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) was added to the reaction and the mixture was allowed to stir for 2 days at 80 °C. The mixture was passed through a  
10 silica plug, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 80% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 21 mg of {4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-amine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.47 (s, 3H), 5.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 7.22 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.0, 7.0 Hz), 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.61 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.4, 8.4 Hz), 7.90 (m, 3H), 8.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 8.64 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 9.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz); MS (ESP+) 369.2 (M+1).

**Example 35**

**2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine**

20 A solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.200 mmol; see Ex. 2 for its preparation) and sodium cyanide (0.671 mol) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) was warmed to 100°C in a sealed tube for 4.5 h. After cooling to RT, the solution was filtered through a Celite pad and  
25 concentrated *in vacuo* to give a dark solid. The solid was slurried in DMSO/water, cooled to 0°C, filtered, washed with cold water and air dried to give 0.0274 g of a tan solid identified as 4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile. MS (ESP+) 313.20 (M+1).

In a sealed tube, 4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-  
30 pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile (0.240 mmol), NaN<sub>3</sub> (1.72 mmol), and NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (1.27 mmol)

were added sequentially to DMF (3 mL). The mixture was heated to 110 °C over two days. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O gradient) to yield 50 mg of 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): 2.48 (s, 3H), 7.22 (dt, 1H, *J* = 1.1, 6.6 Hz), 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.91 (m, 2H), 8.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 9.87 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz); MS (ESP-) 354.1 (M-1).

### Example 36

#### 10 3-(2-Azetidin-1-yl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.147 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and azetidine (0.297 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was allowed to stir at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 90% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 18 mg of 3-(2-azetidin-1-yl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.43 (quint, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.54 (s, 1H), 4.20 (t, 4H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.81 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 7.25 (dd, 2H, *J* = 6.9, 6.9 Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.65 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.4, 8.4 Hz), 7.80 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.86 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.95 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.7, 7.9 Hz), 8.35 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 9.41 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.9 Hz); MS (ESP+) 343.2 (M+1).

### Example 37

#### 25 Cyclopentyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.137 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and cyclopentylamine (0.452 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was allowed to stir at reflux overnight. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via

preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 11 mg of cyclopentyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 4.19 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 7.26 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.1, 7.1 Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.86 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.94 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.9, 7.9 Hz), 8.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 9.50 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 371.1 (M+1).

### Example 38

10 {4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-((S)-1-phenyl-ethyl)-amine

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.137 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and (S)-benzylmethylamine (1.37 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was allowed to stir at reflux overnight. The reaction was *concentrated in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 11 mg of {4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-((S)-1-phenyl-ethyl)-amine as the TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 1.54 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.56 (s, 3H), 5.09 (bs, 1H), 6.68 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 7.85 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 7.96 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.3, 7.3 Hz), 8.23 (m, 1H), 8.30 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.0 Hz); MS (ESP+) 407.2 (M+1).

### Example 39

25 {4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-((R)-1-phenyl-ethyl)-amine

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.137 mmol; see Example 2 for its preparation) and (R)-benzylmethylamine (1.37 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) allowed to stir at reflux overnight. The reaction was *concentrated in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 11 mg of {4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-((S)-1-phenyl-



ethyl)-amine as the TFA salt.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 400 MHz): 1.54 (d, 3H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 2.56 (s, 3H), 5.09 (bs, 1H), 6.68 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.2$  Hz), 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.3$  Hz), 7.85 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.3$  Hz), 7.96 (dd, 1H,  $J = 8.3$ , 7.3 Hz), 8.23 (m, 1H), 8.30 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.0$  Hz); MS (ESP+) 407.2 (M+1).

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#### **Example 40**

##### **8-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine**

Hydrogen bromide/acetic acid (30 wt%, 7.70 mmol) and 1.0 M bromine/acetic acid (2.0 mmol) was added to a solution of 1-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-ethanone (1.54 mmol; see Example 1(b) for its preparation) and catalytic BHT in glacial acetic acid (10 mL) at RT with formation of a precipitate. After 1 h the reaction was diluted with ether (40 mL), stirred for 30 minutes, the precipitate was then filtered and washed with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (Extreme caution was taken to make sure the precipitate did not dry completely). The precipitate was slurried in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (10 mL), added to a slurry of Hunig's base (4.58 mmol) and 3-methyl-2-aminopyridine (1.85 mmol) at RT and then warmed overnight at  $55^\circ\text{C}$ . A precipitate formed upon cooling to RT. The slurry was diluted with water (10 mL), filtered, washed with cold  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  to give 211 mg of a tan solid identified as 8-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine.

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#### **Example 41**

##### **3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-8-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine**

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4.0N Sulfuric acid (0.06 mmol), catalytic sodium tungstate dihydrate, and 30 wt % hydrogen peroxide (1.96 mmol) was added to a slurry of 8-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.608 mmol; see Ex. 40 for its preparation) in methanol (4 mL) at  $50^\circ\text{C}$ . After 3.5 h the reaction was diluted with water (10 mL) and warmed at  $50^\circ\text{C}$  for a further 0.5 h. The reaction was then cooled to RT, quenched with saturated sodium thiosulfate, the pH

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adjusted to 6 with 1M NaOH and filtered to give 0.200 g of a tan solid identified as 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-8-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 7.15 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.0, 7.0 Hz), 7.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 7.97 (m, 3H), 8.05 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 8.99 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 9.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz); MS (ESP+) 380.2 (M+1).

#### Example 42

4-[8-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine

In a sealed tube, a slurry of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-8-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.263 mmol; prepared in accordance with Ex. 2) and NH<sub>4</sub>OAc (6.60 mmol) in 2:1 dioxane /water (3mL) was warmed at 100°C for 7 days. The reaction was cooled to RT, diluted with EtOAc (25 ml), washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 30 mg of a solid identified as the TFA salt of 4-[8-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.65 (s, 3H), 6.75 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 7.17 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.1, 7.1 Hz), 7.46 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.50 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 7.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.97 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 8.20 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 9.57 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz); MS (ESP+) 317.2 (M+1).

#### Example 43

4-[7-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine

Hydrogen bromide/acetic acid (30 wt%, 7.70 mmol) and 1.0 M bromine/acetic acid (2.0 mmol) was added to a solution of 1-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-methylsulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-ethanone (1.54 mmol; see Example 1(b) for its preparation) and catalytic BHT in glacial acetic acid (10 mL) at RT with formation of a precipitate. After 1 h the reaction was diluted with ether (40 mL), stirred for 30

minutes, the precipitate was then filtered and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (extreme caution was taken to make sure the precipitate did not dry completely). The precipitate was slurried in CH<sub>3</sub>CN, added to a mixture of Hunig's base and 4-methyl-2-aminopyridine (1.86 mmol) at RT and then warmed overnight at 55°C. A precipitate formed upon  
5 cooling to RT. The slurry was diluted with water (10 mL), filtered, washed with cold CH<sub>3</sub>CN to give 211 mg of a solid identified as 7-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 6.84 (m, 1H), 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.73 (m, 2H), 8.35 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 9.41 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.9 Hz); MS (ESP+)  
10 373.3 (M+1).

#### **Example 44**

#### **3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-7-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)- 15 imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine**

4.0N Sulfuric acid (0.02 mmol), catalytic sodium tungstate dihydrate, and 30 wt % hydrogen peroxide (X mmol) was added to a slurry 7-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.274 mmol; prepared in accordance with Ex. 1) in methanol (3 mL) at 55 °C. After 3.5 h  
20 the reaction was diluted with water (10 mL) and warmed at 55 °C for a further 0.5 h. The reaction was then cooled to RT, quenched with saturated sodium thiosulfate, the pH adjusted to 6 with 1M NaOH and filtered to give 0.070 g of a yellow solid identified 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-7-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H),  
25 3.49 (s, 3H), 7.11 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.6, 7.2 Hz), 7.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 7.67 (bs, 1H), 7.92 (m, 2H), 8.08 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 8.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.5 Hz); MS (ESP+) 380.2 (M+1).

**Example 45****4-[7-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine**

In a sealed tube, a slurry of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-7-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.184 mmol; see Example 44 for its preparation) and NH<sub>4</sub>OAc (4.60 mmol) in 2:1 dioxane /water (3 mL) was warmed to 100°C for 7 days. The reaction was cooled to RT, diluted with EtOAc (25 ml), washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated in vacuo and purified via preparatory HPLC (CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O gradient with 0.1% TFA) to yield 22 mg of a solid identified as the TFA salt of 4-[7-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 6.80 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 7.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.47 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.71 (bs, 1H), 7.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.96 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 8.23 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 9.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.4 Hz); MS (ESP+) 317.3 (M+1).

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**Example 46****6-Chloro-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine**

Hydrogen bromide/acetic acid (30 wt%, 7.70 mmol) and 1.0 M bromine/acetic acid (2.0 mmol) was added to a solution of 1-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-ethanone (1.54 mmol; see Example 1(b) for its preparation) and catalytic BHT in glacial acetic acid (10 mL) at RT with formation of a precipitate. After 1 h the reaction was diluted with ether (40 mL), stirred for 30 minutes, the precipitate was then filtered and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (Extreme caution was taken to make sure the precipitate did not dry completely). The precipitate was slurried in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10 mL). 4-Chloro-2-aminopyridine (1.85 mmol) and Hunig's base (4.58 mmol) was added to this slurry and the mixture was allowed to stir overnight at 55°C under a nitrogen atmosphere. A precipitate formed upon cooling to RT. The slurry was diluted with water (10 mL), filtered and washed with cold CH<sub>3</sub>CN to give

124 mg of a impure tan solid identified as 6-chloro-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine. MS (ESP+) 368.0 (M+1).

#### **Example 47**

##### **5    6-Chloro-3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine**

4.0N Sulfuric acid (0.02 mmol), catalytic sodium tungstate dihydrate, and 30 wt % hydrogen peroxide (0.98 mmol) was added to a slurry 6-chloro-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.274 mmol; see Ex. 46 for its preparation) in methanol (2 mL) at 55 °C. After 3.5 h the reaction was diluted with water (10 mL) and warmed at 55 °C for a further 0.5 h. The reaction was then cooled to RT, quenched with saturated sodium thiosulfate, the pH adjusted to 6 with 1M NaOH and filtered to give 0.050 g of a yellow solid identified as impure 6-chloro-3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine. MS (ESP+) 400.0 (M+1).

#### **Example 48**

##### **4-[6-Chloro-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine**

20        In a sealed tube, a slurry of 6-chloro-3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.125 mmol; see Example 47 for its preparation) and NH<sub>4</sub>OAc (6.60 mmol) in 1: 1 dioxane /water (2 mL) was warmed at 100°C for 5 days. The reaction cooled to RT, diluted with EtOAc (25 ml), washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O gradient with 0.1% TFA) to yield 4 mg of a solid identified as the TFA salt of 4-[6-chloro-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.50 (s, 3H), 6.84 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 7.45 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.72 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 7.86 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 7.96 (m, 2H), 8.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 9.72 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 337.1 (M+1).

**Example 49****[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl]-methanol**

Hydrogen bromide/acetic acid (30 wt%, 7.70 mmol) and 1.0 M bromine/acetic acid (2.0 mmol) was added to a solution of 1-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-ethanone (1.54 mmol; see Example 1(b) for its preparation) and catalytic BHT in glacial acetic acid (10 mL) at ~15 °C with formation of a precipitate. After 0.25 h the reaction was diluted with ether (40 mL), stirred for 5 minutes, the precipitate was then filtered and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O under a nitrogen flow (Extreme caution was taken to make sure the precipitate did not dry completely). The precipitate was added to a flask containing (6-amino-pyridin-3-yl)-methanol (2.06 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere, slurried in toluene (8 mL) and warmed to 100 °C. Diisopropylethylamine (11.4 mmol) was added slowly and the reaction was allowed to stir at 100 °C for about 4 hours. A precipitate formed upon cooling to RT. The slurry was cooled to 0 °C, filtered, washed with CH<sub>3</sub>CN and air dried to give 345 mg of a tan solid identified as [2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl]-methanol. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 7.01 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 7.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.29 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.29 Hz), 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.71 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 8.29 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 9.40 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 364.2 (M+1).

**Example 50****[3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl]-methanol**

4.0 N Sulfuric acid (0.12 mmol), catalytic sodium tungstate dihydrate, and 30 wt % hydrogen peroxide (9.8 mmol) was added to a slurry of [2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl]-methanol (0.95 mmol; see Example 49 for its preparation) in methanol (50 mL) at 50 °C. After 3.5 h the reaction was diluted with water (9.5 mL) and warmed at 55 °C for a further 0.5 h. The reaction was then cooled to RT, quenched with saturated sodium thiosulfate, the

pH adjusted to 6 with 1M NaOH and filtered to give 0.208 g of a tan solid identified as [3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl]-methanol. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.40 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 4.57 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 7.32 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 7.54 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.3, 9.0 Hz),  
5 7.87 (m, 3H), 8.05 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 8.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 9.31 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 400.2 (M+1).

### Example 51

10 **[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl]-methanol**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl]-methanol (0.526 mmol; see Example 50 for its preparation) and NH<sub>4</sub>OAc (10.5 mmol) in 1:1 dioxane/water (7  
15 mL) was warmed to 100 °C for 3 days. The mixture was cooled to RT, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparatory HPLC (5 → 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to yield 49.3 mg of a yellow solid identified as the TFA salt of [3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl]-methanol. <sup>1</sup>H  
20 NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.530 (s, 3H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 6.80 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.65 (bs, 1H), 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.79 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.85 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 7.94 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.3, 7.3 Hz), 8.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 9.42 (bs, 1H). MS (ESP+) 333.4 (M+1).

### Example 52

25 **2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester**

Hydrogen bromide/acetic acid (30 wt%, 7.53 mmol) and 0.98 M bromine/acetic acid (2.48 mmol) was added to a solution of 1-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-ethanone (1.911 mmol; see Example 1(b) for  
30 its preparation) and catalytic BHT in glacial acetic acid (10 mL) at RT with formation of a precipitate. After 0.25 h the reaction was diluted to 100 mL with ether, filtered,

washed with ether, air dried briefly under a nitrogen stream and added to a flask containing 6-amino-nicotinic acid methyl ester (2.036 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere. Anhydrous acetonitrile (5 mL) and diisopropylethylamine (7.65 mmol) were added and the resulting solution was warmed to 80 °C. After 5.5 h the reaction was allowed to cool to RT and precipitate was formed. The slurry was filtered, washed with acetonitrile and air dried to give 0.4816 g of a tan solid identified as impure 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 5.26 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 6.81 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.31 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (*J* = 9.67 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 9.36, 1.54 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 5.33 Hz, 1H), 10.34 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 392.11 (M+1).

### **Example 53**

#### **3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester**

4.0 N Sulfuric acid (0.02 mmol), catalytic sodium tungstate dihydrate, and 30 wt % hydrogen peroxide (0.88 mmol) was added to a slurry of 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.2664 mmol; see Example 52 for its preparation) in 1:1 methanol/methylene chloride (4 mL) at 55 °C. After 6.6 h, the reaction was diluted with water (2 mL) and warmed at 55 °C for 0.75 h. The reaction was then cooled to RT and neutralized to I<sub>2</sub>/starch paper with saturated sodium thiosulfate. The reaction was then diluted with methylene chloride (20 mL) and the organic phase was washed with 10% sodium bicarbonate (5 mL) and brine (5 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 0.1026 g of a yellow identified as 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 2.54 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 6.60 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 9.30 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 7.80, 7.80 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (*J* = 8.10 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, *J* = 9.30, 1.50 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 5.40 Hz, 1H), 8.74 (d, *J* = 5.40 Hz, 1H), 10.58 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 424.15 (M+1).



**Example 54****3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester**

A solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.1717 mmol; see Example 53 for its preparation) and ammonium acetate (3.526 mmol) in 2:1 dioxane/water (3 mL) was warmed to 100 °C in a sealed tube. After 23.5 h, the reaction was allowed to cool to RT, filtered, the solid washed with acetonitrile and air dried to give 0.0340g of a tan solid. This solid was purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 0.0295 g of a yellow solid identified as the TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) 2.41 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 5.69 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.44 Hz, 1H), 7.4 (br s, 2H), 7.80-7.86 (m, 4H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 5.65, 1H), 9.77 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 361.4 (M+1).

**Example 55****3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid**

In a sealed tube, a solution of 3-(2-methylsulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (2.30 mmol; see Example 53 for its preparation) and NH<sub>4</sub>OAc (45.8 mmol) in 1:1 dioxane/water (30 mL) was warmed to 100 °C for 3 days. The mixture was cooled to RT, resulting in a precipitate that was filtered and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O to give 430 mg of the carboxylic acid and ester mixture. The mixture was dissolved in 2:1 THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (15 mL), LiOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (5.95 mmol) was added and the reaction stirred at RT for 0.5 h. The reaction was neutralized with 2M HCl, cooled to 0 °C, filtered and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O to give 370 mg of a solid identified as 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.39 (s, 3H), 6.75 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 6.79 (bs, 2H), 7.30 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.0,

4.3 Hz), 7.83 (m, 5H), 8.29 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.3$  Hz), 9.65 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 347.7 (M+1).

#### **Example 56**

#### **5    3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methoxy-amide**

In a vial, 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 55 for its preparation) was added with DMF (1 mL). The reaction was stirred until all material had dissolved.

10    HATU (0.201 mmol) was then added making sure all material had dissolved. This was followed by the addition of DIEA (1.15 mmol). This mixture was allowed to stir for 10 min. Methoxyamine hydrochloride (0.173 mmol) was then added, the reaction was stirred for 2 h, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparative HPLC (5→50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to give 28.9 mg of a solid identified as the TFA

15    salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid methoxy-amide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.52 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 6.92 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 7.45 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.61 (bs, 1H), 7.90 (m, 5H), 8.32 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.4$  Hz), 9.69 (s, 1H); MS 376.5 (ESP+) (M+1).

#### **20    Example 57**

#### **3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid ethylamide**

In a vial, 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 55 for its preparation) was

25    added with DMF (1 mL). The reaction was stirred until all material had dissolved. HATU (0.201 mmol) was then added making sure all material had dissolved. This was followed by the addition of DIEA (0.720 mmol). This mixture was allowed to stir for 10 min. 2.0M Ethyl amine/THF (0.432 mmol) was then added, the reaction was stirred for 2 h, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparative HPLC (5→

30    40% CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to give 41.0 mg of a solid identified as the TFA

salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid ethylamide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 1.17 (t, 3H, 7.3 Hz), 2.53 (s, 3H), 3.37 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.70 (bs, 1H), 7.93 (m, 4H), 8.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 8.73 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.4, 5.4 Hz), 9.71 (m, 1H); MS (ESP+) 374.3 (M+1).

### **Example 58**

#### **3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (2-dimethylamino-ethyl)-amide**

In a vial, 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 55 for its preparation) was added with DMF (1 mL). The reaction was stirred until all material had dissolved. HATU (0.201 mmol) was then added making sure all material had dissolved. This was followed by the addition of DIEA (0.720 mmol). This mixture was allowed to stir for 10 min. N,N-Dimethylethyldiamine (0.173 mmol) was then added, the reaction was stirred for 2 h, concentrated in vacuo and purified via preparative HPLC (5→ 40% CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to give 29.9 mg of a solid identified as the TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (2-dimethylamino-ethyl)-amide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.91 (d, 6H, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 3.34 (q, 2H, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 3.69 (q, 2H, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 6.90 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 7.41 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.51 (bs, 1H), 7.92 (m, 4H), 8.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 8.96 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.7, 5.7 Hz), 9.60 (bs, 1H), 9.78 (m, 1H); MS (ESP+) 417.5(M+1).

### **Example 59**

#### **3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-ethyl)-amide**

In a vial, 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 55 for its preparation) was added with DMF (1 mL). The reaction was stirred until all material had dissolved.

HATU (0.201 mmol) was then added making sure all material had dissolved. This was followed by the addition of DIEA (0.720 mmol). This mixture was allowed to stir for 10 min. Methoxyethylamine (0.288 mmol) was then added, the reaction was stirred for 2 h, concentrated in vacuo and purified via preparative HPLC (5→ 40% CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to give 36.1 mg of a solid identified as the TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-ethyl)-amide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.51 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.52 (m, 4H), 6.89 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 7.42 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.45 (bs, 1H), 7.92 (m, 4H), 8.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 8.81 (m, 1H), 9.70 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 404.7(M+1).

#### **Example 60**

#### **3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid ([1,4]dioxan-2-ylmethyl)-amide**

In a vial, 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 55 for its preparation) was added with DMF (1 mL). The reaction was stirred until all material had dissolved. HATU (0.201 mmol) was then added making sure all material had dissolved. This was followed by the addition of DIEA (0.720 mmol). This mixture was allowed to stir for 10 min. [1,4]Dioxan-2-yl-methylamine (0.202 mmol) was then added, the reaction was stirred for 2 h, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparative HPLC (5→ 40% CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to give 30.0 mg of a solid identified as the TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid ([1,4]dioxan-2-ylmethyl)-amide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.52 (s, 3H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 3.37 (m, 2H), 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.80 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 7.43 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.59 (bs, 1H), 7.93 (m, 4H), 8.32 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 8.82 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.6, 5.6 Hz), 9.72 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 446.3 (M+1).

**Example 61****3-{[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carbonyl]-amino}-propionic acid methyl ester**

In a vial, 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 55 for its preparation) was added with DMF (1 mL). The reaction was stirred until all material had dissolved. HATU (0.201 mmol) was then added making sure all material had dissolved. This was followed by the addition of DIEA (0.720 mmol). This mixture was allowed to stir for 10 min. 3-Amino-propionic acid methyl ester (0.202 mmol) was then added, the reaction was stirred for 2 h, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparative HPLC (5 → 40% CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to give 27.3 mg of a solid identified as the TFA salt of 3-{[3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carbonyl]-amino}-propionic acid methyl ester. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.68 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 3.57 (q, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 3.66 (s, 3H), 6.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 7.42 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.43 (bs, 1H), 7.91 (m, 4H), 8.31 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 8.84 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.4, 5.4 Hz), 9.71 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 432.2 (M+1).

**Example 62****3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid ([1,4]dioxan-2-ylmethyl)-amide**

In a vial, 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 55 for its preparation) was added with DMF (1 mL). The reaction was stirred until all material had dissolved. HATU (0.201 mmol) was then added making sure all material had dissolved. This was followed by the addition of DIEA (0.720 mmol). This mixture was allowed to stir for 10 min. (unsym)-N,N-Dimethylhydrazine (0.202 mmol) was then added, the reaction was stirred for 2 h, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via preparative HPLC (5 → 40% CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA) to give 9.8 mg of a solid identified as the TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-

a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid ([1,4]dioxan-2-ylmethyl)-amide.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.74 (s, 6H), 6.92 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 7.43 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.4$  Hz), 7.57 (bs, 1H), 7.92 (m, 4H), 8.32 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 9.70 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 389.2 (M+1).

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### **Example 63**

**N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carbonyl]-methanesulfonamide**

10 In a vial, 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (60 mg, 0.173 mmol; see Example 55 for its preparation) was added with DMF (1 mL). The reaction was stirred until all material had dissolved. HATU (92 mg, 0.242 mmol) was then added making sure all material had dissolved. This was followed by the addition of DIEA (150  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.865 mmol). This  
15 mixture was allowed to stir for 10 min. Methylsulfonamine (20 mg, 0.207 mmol) was then added and the reaction was stirred for 2 h and checked by HPLC. The reaction was purified by preparative HPLC (5 $\rightarrow$  40%  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}:\text{H}_2\text{O}$  with 0.1% TFA). (Impurity in NMR.)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 6.88 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 7.17 (bs, 1H), 7.36 (dd, 1H,  $J = 2.8, 5.7$  Hz), 7.88 (m, 4H), 8.34 (d, 1H,  $J = 5.0$  Hz), 9.81 (s, 1H). MS (ESP+) 424.3 (M+1).  
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### **Example 64**

**3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (2-thiophen-2-yl-ethyl)-amide**

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In a vial, 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (50 mg, 0.144 mmol; see Example 55 for its preparation) was added with DMF (1 mL). The reaction was stirred until all material had dissolved. HATU (77 mg, 0.201 mmol) was then added making sure all material had  
30 dissolved. This was followed by the addition of DIEA (180  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.720 mmol). This

mixture was allowed to stir for 10 min. 2-Thiophen-2-yl-ethylamine (21 uL, 0.173 mmol) was then added and the reaction was stirred for 2 h and checked by HPLC. The reaction was purified by preparative HPLC (5→ 40% CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA).  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 2.52 (s, 3H), 3.14 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 3.58 (q, 2H, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 6.92 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 7.00 (m, 3H), 7.39 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.3, 5.0 Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.54 (bs, 1H), 7.94 (m, 4H), 8.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 8.90 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.3, 5.7 Hz), 9.70 (s, 1H). MS (ESP+) 456.1 (M+1).

### Example 65

#### 3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid cyclopropylamide

In a vial, 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid (50 mg, 0.144 mmol; see Example 55 for its preparation) was added with DMF (1 mL). The reaction was stirred until all material had dissolved. HATU (77 mg, 0.201 mmol) was then added making sure all material had dissolved. This was followed by the addition of DIEA (180 uL, 0.720 mmol). This mixture was allowed to stir for 10 min. Cyclopropylamine (12 uL, 0.173 mmol) was then added and the reaction was stirred for 2 h and checked by HPLC. The reaction was purified by preparative HPLC (5→ 40% CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA).  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 400 MHz): 0.65 (m, 2H), 0.78 (m, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.92 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 7.45 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.73 (bs, 1H), 7.93 (m, 4H), 8.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 8.72 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 9.70 (s, 1H). MS (ESP+) 386.4 (M+1).

### Example 66

#### 4-[6-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-8-morpholin-4-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol

A mixture of 4-[8-bromo-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol (30 mg, 0.08 mmol; see Example 67 for its preparation), morpholine (15 uL, 0.17 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (9 mg, 0.04 mmole), NaOtBu (19 mg, 0.198) and 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2'-(N,N-dimethylamino)biphenyl (20 mg, 0.05 mmol) in dioxane (600 uL) was degassed under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction was heated

(105 °C) for 1.5 h. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and filtered through celite. The solvent was removed invacuo. The residue was purified by HPLC (C18, H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN gradient) to afford the titled compound as a red solid (3.1 mg, 10%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.82 (s, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52(d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H) 6.69 (s, 1H) 4.05(m, 4H), 3.65 (m, 4H) 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.47(s, 3H); MS (ESP+) 403 (M+1).

#### **Example 67**

##### **4-[8-Bromo-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol**

A mixture of 8-bromo-3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (877 mg, 1.91 mmol; prepared in accordance with Ex. 2), NH<sub>4</sub>OAc (3 g), H<sub>2</sub>O (3 mL and dioxane (10 mL) in DMSO (11 mL) was refluxed (12 h). The solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was triturated with water to afford the titled compound as a yellow solid (682 mg, 90%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 9.30 (s, 1H), 7.84 (m, 5H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); MS (ESP+) 396 (M+1).

#### **Example 68**

##### **4-[6-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-8-(2-pyridin-3-yl-ethylamino)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol**

A mixture of 4-[8-bromo-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol (50 mg, 0.13 mmol; see Example 67 for its preparation), 2-pyridin-3-yl-ethylamine (34 mg, 0.28 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (15 mg, 0.07 mmol), NaOtBu (32 mg, 0.33 mmol) and 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2'-(N,N-dimethylamino)biphenyl (33 mg, 0.084 mmol) in dioxane (1 mL) was degassed under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction was heated (160 °C) in a microwave for 30 min. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and MeOH (100 ul) and passed through a plug of SiO<sub>2</sub>. The residue was purified by HPLC (C18, H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN gradient (10 mM NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> buffer)) to afford the titled compound as a red solid (5 mg, 9%). MS (ESP+) 438 (M+1).



**Example 69****4-[6-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-8-(2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylamino)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol**

5 A mixture of 4-[8-bromo-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol (50 mg, 0.13 mmol; see Example 67 for its preparation), 2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylamine (34 mg, 0.28 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (15 mg, 0.07 mmol), NaOtBu (32 mg, 0.33 mmol) and 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2'-(N,N-dimethylamino)biphenyl (33 mg, 0.084 mmol) in dioxane (1 mL) was degassed under  
10 N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction was heated (160 °C) in a microwave for 30 min. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and MeOH (100 ul) and passed through a plug of SiO<sub>2</sub>. The residue was purified by HPLC (C18, H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN gradient (10 mM NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> buffer)) to afford the titled compound as yellow solid (3 mg, 5%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.63 (s, *J* = 4.2 Hz 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (td, *J* 7.9, 2.0  
15 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (m, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 3.73 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.24 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); MS (ESP+) 438 (M+1).

**Example 70****4-[6-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-8-(2-pyridin-4-yl-ethylamino)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol**

A mixture of 4-[8-bromo-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol (50 mg, 0.13 mmol; see Example 67 for its preparation), 2-pyridin-4-yl-ethylamine (34 mg, 0.28 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (15 mg, 0.07  
25 mmol), NaOtBu (32 mg, 0.33 mmol) and 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2'-(N,N-dimethylamino)biphenyl (33 mg, 0.084 mmol) in dioxane (1 mL) was degassed under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction was heated (160 °C) in a microwave for 30 min. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and MeOH (100 ul) and passed through a plug of SiO<sub>2</sub>. The residue was purified by HPLC (C18, H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN gradient (10 mM NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub>  
30 buffer)) to afford the titled compound as yellow solid (2 mg, 4%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.57 (m, 2H), 7.9 (s, 1H), 7.79 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (m, 3H), 6.59

(d,  $J = 6.0$ , 1H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 5.39 (t,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.64 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.08 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.84 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); MS (ESP+) 438 (M+1).

#### **Example 71**

5     **4-[6-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-8-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethylamino)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol**

A mixture of 4-[8-bromo-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol (50 mg, 0.13 mmol; see Example 67 for its preparation), 2-morpholin-4-yl-ethylamine (36 mg, 0.28 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (15 mg, 0.07 mmol), NaOtBu (32 mg, 0.33 mmol) and 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2'-(N,N-dimethylamino)biphenyl (33 mg, 0.084 mmol) in dioxane (1 mL) was degassed under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction was heated (160 °C) in a microwave for 30 min. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and MeOH (100 ul) and passed through a plug of SiO<sub>2</sub>. The residue was purified by HPLC (C18, H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN gradient (10 mM NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> buffer)) to afford the titled compound as yellow solid (4.5 mg, 8%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.11 (br.s, 1H), 7.80 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d,  $J = 6.50$ , 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 3.84 (m, 4H), 3.48 (t,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.86 (s, 3H), 2.69 (s, 4H) 2.36(s 3H); MS (ESP+) 446 (M+1).

20     **Example 72**

**[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl]-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propyl)-amine**

A mixture of 4-[8-bromo-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine (50 mg, 0.13 mmol), 3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamine (35 mg, 0.28 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (15 mg, 0.07 mmol), NaOtBu (32 mg, 0.33 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>O (5 µL) and 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2'-(N,N-dimethylamino)biphenyl (33 mg, 0.084 mmol) in dioxane (1 mL) was degassed under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction was heated (160 °C) for 1 h. The reaction was filtered through celite. The residue was purified by HPLC (C18, H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN gradient (10 mM NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> buffer)) to afford the titled compound as yellow solid (5 mg, 8%). <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 5.79 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 3.8 (m, 4H), 3.36 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.92 (quint, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H); MS (ESP+) 459 (M+1).

### **Example 73**

#### **[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl]-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-amine**

10 A mixture of 4-[8-bromo-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine (50 mg, 0.13 mmol), 2-morpholin-4-yl-ethylamine (32 mg, 0.28 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (15 mg, 0.07 mmol), NaOtBu (32 mg, 0.33 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>O (5 μL) and 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2'-(N,N-dimethylamino)biphenyl (33 mg, 0.084 mmol) in dioxane (1 mL) was degassed under  
15 N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction was heated (160 °C) for 1 h. The reaction was filtered through celite. The residue was purified by HPLC (C18, H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN gradient (10 mM NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> buffer)) to afford the titled compound as red solid (6 mg, 10%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 5.57 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 3.76 (m, 4H), 3.37 (q, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H),  
20 2.74 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.54 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H); MS (ESP+) 445 (M+1).

### **Example 74**

#### **25 4-[6-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-8-morpholin-4-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine**

A mixture of 4-[8-bromo-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine (50 mg, 0.13 mmol), morpholine (25 μL, 0.29 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (15 mg, 0.07 mmol), NaOtBu (32 mg, 0.33 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>O (5 μL) and  
30 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2'-(N,N-dimethylamino)biphenyl (33 mg, 0.084 mmol) in

dioxane (1 mL) was degassed under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction was heated (160 °C) for 1 h. The reaction was filtered through celite. The residue was purified by HPLC (C18, H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN gradient (10 mM NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> buffer)) to afford the titled compound as red solid (2.9 mg, 6%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.01 (m, 4H), 3.59 (m, 4H), 2.5 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); MS (ESP+) 402 (M+1).

### Example 75

10 **[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl]-(2-pyridin-3-yl-ethyl)-amine**

A mixture of 4-[8-bromo-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine (50 mg, 0.13 mmol), 2-pyridin-3-yl-ethylamine (33 mg, 0.29 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (15 mg, 0.07 mmol), NaOtBu (32 mg, 0.33 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>O (5 µL) and 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2'-(N,N-dimethylamino)biphenyl (33 mg, 0.084 mmol) in dioxane (1 mL) was degassed under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction was heated (160 °C) for 1 h. The reaction was filtered through celite. The residue was purified by HPLC (C18, H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN gradient (10 mM NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> buffer)) to afford the titled compound as red solid (6.5 mg, 11%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.57 (d, *J* = 2.1, 1H), 8.51 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 3.57 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); MS (ESP+) 437 (M+1).

### 25 Example 76

**[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl]-(2-pyridin-2-yl-ethyl)-amine**

A mixture of 4-[8-bromo-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine (50 mg, 0.13 mmol), 2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylamine

(33 mg, 0.29 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (15 mg, 0.07 mmol), NaOtBu (32 mg, 0.33 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>O (5 µL) and 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2'-(N,N-dimethylamino)biphenyl (33 mg, 0.084 mmol) in dioxane (1 mL) was degassed under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction was heated (160 °C) for 1 h. The reaction was filtered through celite. The residue was purified  
5 by HPLC (C18, H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN gradient (10 mM NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> buffer)) to afford the titled compound as red solid (2.6 mg, 5%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.61 (d, *J* = 4.9, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 5.80 (s, 2H), 3.75 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); MS (ESP+) 437 (M+1).

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**Example 77**

**[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl]-(2-pyridin-4-yl-ethyl)-amine**

A mixture of 4-[8-bromo-6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine (50 mg, 0.13 mmol), 2-pyridin-4-yl-ethylamine  
15 (33 mg, 0.29 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (15 mg, 0.07 mmol), NaOtBu (32 mg, 0.33 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>O (5 µL) and 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2'-(N,N-dimethylamino)biphenyl (33 mg, 0.084 mmol) in dioxane (1 mL) was degassed under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction was heated (160 °C) for 1 h. The reaction was filtered through celite. The residue was purified  
20 by HPLC (C18, H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN gradient (10 mM NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> buffer)) to afford the titled compound as red solid (6 mg, 11%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.55 (m, 2H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 5.6 (s, 1H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 3.59 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s,  
25 3H); MS (ESP+) 437 (M+1).

**Example 78**

**2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ethyl ester**

Hydrogen bromide/acetic acid (30 wt%, 40.11 mmol) and 1.00 M bromine/acetic acid (8.02 mmol) was added to a solution of 1-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-ethanone (6.17 mmol; see Example 1(b) for its preparation) and catalytic BHT in glacial acetic acid (29.6 mL) at RT to form a precipitate. After 0.3 h the reaction was diluted to 400 mL with ether, filtered, washed with ether, dried briefly under N<sub>2</sub> gas to give an orange solid. The solid was added to a flask containing 2-amino-isonicotinic acid ethyl ester (6.17 mmol). Toluene (20 mL) was added and the slurry was heated to 100 °C. Diisopropylethylamine (24.68 mmol) was added dropwise. After 3.3 h the reaction was allowed to cool to 0 °C and precipitate was formed. The slurry was filtered, the solid washed with acetonitrile and air dried to give 1.160 g of a solid identified as 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ethyl ester. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) : 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.4, 3 H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 4.49 (q, *J* = 7.0, 2H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (m, 2H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 9.46 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 406.4 (M+1).

#### **Example 79**

#### **3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ethyl ester**

4.0 N Sulfuric acid (0.33 mmol), catalytic sodium tungstate dihydrate, and 30 wt % hydrogen peroxide (9.44 mmol) were added to a slurry of 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (2.86 mmol; see Example 78 for its preparation) in 1:1 ethanol/dichloromethane (25 mL) at 55 °C. After 5.25 h, the reaction was diluted with water (25 mL) and warmed at 55 °C for an additional 1 h. The reaction was then cooled to RT, quenched with saturated sodium thiosulfate and then extracted with dichloromethane (300 mL). The organic phase was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate (125 mL) and brine (125 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 1.264 g of a solid identified as 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-

5 methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a] pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ethyl ester.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz) : 1.45 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 4.46 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd,  $J = 7.4$ , 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.00, (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.48 (m, 1H), 8.72 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 9.70 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 438.4 (M+1).

#### **Example 80**

##### **3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ethyl ester**

10 A solution of 3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a] pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (6.35 mmol; see Example 79 for its preparation) and ammonium acetate (190.50 mmol) in 2:1 dioxane/water (84 mL) was warmed to 100  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 5 days. The reaction solution was then concentrated *in vacuo*, diluted with water (~100 mL) to give a precipitate that was filtered, washed  
15 with water and air dried to give 2.035 g of a solid identified as 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ethyl ester.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz) : 1.44 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 4.44 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.68 (m, 2H), 8.17 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.44 (m, 1H), 9.40 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 375.3 (M+1).  
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#### **Example 81**

##### **3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid**

25 Lithium hydroxide monohydrate (0.967 mmol) was added to a solution of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (0.134 mmol; see Example 80 for its preparation) in 2:1 tetrahydrofuran/water (2.7 mL). After 2 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* to remove the organic phase, diluted with water (~3 mL) and acidified to pH 5 with 10%  
30 HCl. The reaction was cooled to 0  $^\circ\text{C}$  to give a precipitate that was filtered, washed with water and air dried. The resulting solid was purified via reverse phase HPLC

(acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 33 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 2.42 (s, 3H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (m, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 9.37 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 347.5 (M+1).

### Example 82

N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carbonyl]-methanesulfonamide

HATU (0.405 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (1.445 mmol) and methanesulfonamide (0.347 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (0.289 mmol; see Example 81 for its preparation) in N,N-dimethylformamide (2.9 mL) at RT. After 0.7 h, HATU (0.405 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (1.445 mmol) and methanesulfonamide (0.347 mmol) were added and the reaction was stirred at RT for an additional 2.75 h. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 65 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of N-[3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carbonyl]-methanesulfonamide. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 3.44 (s, 3H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (bs, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (m, 1H), 9.62 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 424.11 (M+1); MS (ESP-) 422.14 (M-1).

### Example 83

3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid cyclopropylamide



HATU (0.304 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (1.085 mmol) and cyclopropylamine (0.260 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (0.217 mmol; see Example 81 for its preparation) in N,N-dimethylformamide (2.2 mL) at RT.

5 After 3.25 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 81 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid cyclopropylamide. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 0.64 (m, 2H), 0.75 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.91 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz,

10 1H), 7.20 (bs, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (m, 1H), 8.82 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 9.62 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 386.5 (M+1).

#### **Example 84**

15 **3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (2-thiophen-2-yl-ethyl)-amide**

HATU (0.202 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (0.720 mmol) and 2-thiopheneethylamine (0.173 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 81 for its preparation) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1.4 mL) at RT.

20 After 18 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 81 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (2-thiophen-2-yl-ethyl)-amide. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 2.50 (s, 3H), 3.13 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (m, 2H), 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (m, 1H), 9.04 (m, 1H), 9.61 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 456.22 (M+1).

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**Example 85****3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ethylamide**

HATU (0.202 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (0.720 mmol) and ethylamine  
5 (0.173 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 81 for its preparation) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1.4 mL) at RT. After 20 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 59 mg of a yellow solid identified  
10 as the tri-TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ethylamide. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 3.36 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (m, 1H), 8.88 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 9.65 (d,  
15 *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 374.21 (M+1).

**Example 86****3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid methoxy-amide**

20 HATU (0.202 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (1.008 mmol) and methoxylamine hydrochloride (0.173 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 81 for its preparation) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1.4 mL) at RT. After 20 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via  
25 reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 59 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid methoxy-amide. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 2.50 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.55 (bs, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (m, 1H), 8.22 (d,  
30 *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 9.59 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 12.15 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 376.17 (M+1).

**Example 87****3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (2-amino-ethyl)-amide**

HATU (0.202 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (0.720 mmol) and N-(2-aminoethyl)carbamic acid *tert*-butyl ester (0.173 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 81 for its preparation) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1.4 mL) at RT. After 18 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and was then dissolved in 1:1 dichloromethane/TFA (1 mL) at RT. After 2 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 17 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (2-amino-ethyl)-amide. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 400 MHz) : 2.46 (s, 3H), 3.05 (q, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (dt, *J* = 5.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (bs, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.97 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 9.58 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 389.21 (M+1).

**Example 88****3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (piperidin-3-ylmethyl)-amide**

HATU (0.202 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (0.720 mmol) and (3-aminomethyl)-1-N-Boc-piperidine (0.173 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 81 for its preparation) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1.4 mL) at RT. After 18 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and was then dissolved in 1:1 dichloromethane/TFA (1 mL) at RT. After 2 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water

gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 32 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (piperidin-3-ylmethyl)-amide. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 400 MHz) : 1.37 (q, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.87 (q, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 2H),  
5 3.28 (m, 4H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (bs, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (bs, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (m, 1H), 8.50 (bs, 1H), 8.92 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 9.55 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 443.16 (M+1).

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#### Example 89

**3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid 2,2-dimethylhydrazide**

HATU (0.202 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (0.720 mmol) and *unsym*-  
15 dimethylhydrazine (0.173 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 81 for its preparation) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1.4 mL) at RT. After 15 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 31 mg of a yellow solid  
20 identified as the tri-TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid 2,2-dimethylhydrazide. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 400 MHz) : 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.71 (s, 6H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (bs, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (m, 1H), 9.62 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 10.10 (s,  
25 1H); MS (ESP+) 389.16 (M+1).

#### Example 90

**3-{{[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carbonyl]-amino}-propionic acid methyl ester**

HATU (0.202 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (1.008 mmol) and 3-amino-propionic acid methyl ester hydrochloride (0.173 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 81 for its preparation) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1.4 mL) at RT. After 15 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 31 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of 3-{[3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carbonyl]-amino}-propionic acid methyl ester. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 400 MHz) : 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.96 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 9.62 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 432.06 (M+1).

#### 15 **Example 91**

**3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ([1,4]dioxan-2-ylmethyl)-amide**

HATU (0.202 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (0.720 mmol) and C-[1,4]dioxan-2-ylmethylamine (0.173 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 81 for its preparation) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1.4 mL) at RT. After 15 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 31 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid ([1,4]dioxan-2-ylmethyl)-amide. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 400 MHz) : 2.50 (s, 3H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (q, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (m, 2H), 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.71 (m, 1H), 3.78 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (m, 1H), 8.96 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 9.62 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 446.55 (M+1).

**Example 92****3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (2-hydroxy-ethyl)-amide**

5 HATU (0.202 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (0.720 mmol) and ethanolamine (0.173 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 81 for its preparation) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1.4 mL) at RT. After 17.25 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via reverse phase HPLC  
10 (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 39 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (2-hydroxy-ethyl)-amide. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 400 MHz) : 2.50 (s, 3H), 3.39 (dt, *J* = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63, (bs, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.86 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 9.61 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 390.48 (M+1).

**Example 93**

20 **3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (2-dimethylamino-ethyl)-amide**

HATU (0.202 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (0.720 mmol) and N,N-dimethylethylenediamine (0.173 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid  
25 (0.144 mmol; see Example 81 for its preparation) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1.4 mL) at RT. After 17.5 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 28 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (2-dimethylamino-ethyl)-  
30 amide. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 400 MHz, rotomers) : 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.88 (s, 3H), 2.89 (s, 3H),

3.32 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.33 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dt,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd,  $J = 7.3, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.98 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.34 (m, 1H), 9.08 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 1H), 9.46 (bs, 1H), 9.65 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 417.26 (M+1).

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#### **Example 94**

#### **3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-2-pyridin-3-yl-ethyl)-amide**

HATU (0.202 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (1.008 mmol) and 2-amino-1-pyridin-3-yl-ethanone hydrochloride (0.173 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 81 for its preparation) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1.4 mL) at RT. After 17.75 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 28 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (2-oxo-2-pyridin-3-yl-ethyl)-amide.  $^1\text{H}$  (d6-DMSO, 400 MHz) : 2.50 (s, 3H), 4.91 (d,  $J = 5.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.96 (m, 1H), 8.24 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.39 (m, 1H), 8.42 (m, 1H), 8.87 (dd,  $J = 4.9, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 9.26 (m, 1H), 9.40 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 9.68 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 465.13 (M+1).

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#### **Example 95**

#### **3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide**

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HATU (0.202 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (1.008 mmol) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (0.173 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid (0.144 mmol; see Example 81 for its preparation) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1.4 mL) at RT. After 22 h, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified via

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reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 27 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of 3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-7-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide. <sup>1</sup>H (d6-DMSO, 400 MHz) : 2.69 (s, 3H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (m, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 9.62 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 11.64 (bs, 1H); MS (ESP+) 362.05 (M+1).

#### **Example 96**

#### **2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine**

Hydrogen bromide/acetic acid (30 wt%, 75.0 mmol) and 1.00 M bromine/acetic acid (32.5 mmol) was added to a solution of 1-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-ethanone (25.0 mmol; see Example 1(b) for its preparation) and catalytic BHT in glacial acetic acid (120 mL) at RT to form a precipitate. After 0.5 h the reaction was diluted to 400 mL with ether, filtered, washed with ether, dried briefly under N<sub>2</sub> gas to give an orange solid. The solid was added to a solution of 2,4-diaminopyrimidine (25.0 mmol) and diisopropylethylamine (100.0 mmol) in ethanol (270 mL) at 85 °C. After 3.5 h the reaction was allowed to cool to 0 °C and precipitate was formed. The slurry was filtered, the solid washed with ethanol and air dried to give a solid. This solid was slurried with 2 N aqueous sodium hydroxide, filtered and washed with water to give 5.059 g of a solid identified as 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 7.7, 1H), 7.24 (s, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 9.10 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 350.4 (M+1).

#### **Example 97**

#### **N-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3-pyridin-3-yl-propionamide**



N,N-Dimethylformamide (0.9 mmol) and thionyl chloride (54.0 mmol) were added to a slurry of 3-pyridinepropanoic acid (18.0 mmol) in chloroform (180 mL) at RT. The slurry was heated to 60 °C for 0.5 h, cooled to RT and concentrated *in vacuo* to yield a solid. This solid was added to a slurry of 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine (1.14 mmol; see Example 96 for its preparation) in pyridine (40 mL) at 0 °C. The slurry was warmed to RT. After 23.75 h, the slurry was warmed to 50 °C for a further 2.25 h. The reaction was cooled to RT, diluted with water (~80 mL) and stirred for 0.5 h. The reaction was refrigerated at 0 °C. After 3 d, the reaction was warmed to RT, filtered and washed with water to yield 398 mg of N-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3-pyridin-3-yl-propionamide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.5 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (m, 2H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (m, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 9.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 11.20 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 483.5 (M+1).

#### Example 98

**N-[3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3-pyridin-3-yl-propionamide**

4.0N Sulfuric acid (0.2 mmol), catalytic sodium tungstate dihydrate, and 30 wt % hydrogen peroxide (2.71 mmol) were added to a slurry of N-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3-pyridin-3-yl-propionamide (0.82 mmol; see Example 97 for its preparation) in methanol (20 mL) at 55 °C. After 18.5 h, the reaction was diluted with water (20 mL) and warmed at 55 °C for an additional 0.75 h. The reaction was then cooled to RT, quenched with saturated sodium thiosulfate, neutralized with saturated sodium bicarbonate and then cooled to 0 °C for 1.5 h. The reaction was filtered, washed with 1:1 methanol/water to give 302 mg of N-[3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-

methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3-pyridin-3-yl-propionamide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (m, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (m, 1H), 8.51 (m, 1H), 8.97 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 9.56 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 11.27 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 515.6 (M+1).

#### **Example 99**

##### **N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3-pyridin-3-yl-propionamide**

A solution of N-[3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3-pyridin-3-yl-propionamide (0.59 mmol; see Example 98 for its preparation) and ammonium hydroxide (17.70 mmol) in dioxane (10 mL) was warmed to 100 °C for 18 h. The reaction then concentrated *in vacuo* and diluted with water to give a precipitate that was filtered, washed with water and air dried. The resulting solid was purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 42 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of N-[3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3-pyridin-3-yl-propionamide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.93 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 8.77 (m, 1H), 10.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 11.38 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 452.19 (M+1).

#### **Example 100**

##### **N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-acetamide**

3-Methoxyphenyl acetyl chloride (0.58 mmol) was added to a slurry of 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine (0.29 mmol; see Example 96 for its preparation) in pyridine (3 mL) at RT and then warmed to 60 °C. After 28 h, the reaction was cooled to RT and additional 2-methoxyphenyl acetyl chloride (1.16 mmol) was added. The reaction was then

warmed to 80 °C for a further 21 hours. The reaction was cooled to RT, diluted with water (~10 mL) and stirred for 0.25 h. The reaction then filtered and washed with water to yield 200 mg of an impure solid containing 2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-N-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-acetamide. The crude material was used without further purification. MS (ESP+) 498.4 (M+1).

#### **Example 101**

**N-[3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-acetamide**

4.0N Sulfuric acid (0.1 mmol), catalytic sodium tungstate dihydrate, and 30 wt % hydrogen peroxide (1.32 mmol) were added to a slurry of 2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-N-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-acetamide (0.40 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) and heated to 55 °C. After 22.5 h, the reaction was diluted with water (10 mL) and warmed at 55 °C for an additional 1 h. The reaction was then cooled to RT, quenched with saturated sodium thiosulfate, neutralized with saturated sodium bicarbonate and then cooled to 0 °C overnight. The reaction warmed to RT, concentrated *in vacuo* and redissolved in ethyl acetate (25 mL) and water (10 mL). The organic and aqueous phases were separated and the organic layer was washed with water (1 x 10 mL), saturated sodium bicarbonate (1 x 10 mL), and brine (1 x 10 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated *in vacuo* to yield 180 mg of an impure solid containing N-[3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-acetamide. The crude material was used without further purification. MS (ESP+) 530.10 (M+1).

#### **Example 102**

**N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-acetamide**

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A solution of N-[3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-acetamide (0.34 mmol; see Example 101 for its preparation) and ammonium hydroxide (10.20 mmol) in dioxane (6 mL) was warmed to 100 °C for 18 h. The reaction concentrated *in vacuo*,  
5 diluted with water and stirred for 4 hours at RT. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 25 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate (1 x 20 mL) and brine (1 x 20 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting solid was purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 8 mg of a yellow solid identified  
10 as the bis-TFA salt of N-[3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-acetamide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 2.53 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.94 (m, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz,  
15 1H), 10.07 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 11.53 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 467.20 (M+1).

### **Example 103**

#### **N-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-propionamide**

Propionyl chloride (1.14 mmol) was added to a slurry of 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine (0.57 mmol; see Example 96 for its preparation) in pyridine (5.7 mL) at RT and the slurry was warmed to 50 °C. After 19 h, the reaction was cooled to RT and additional propionyl chloride (1.14 mmol) was added. The reaction was warmed to 50 °C for a  
25 further 5 h. The reaction was cooled to RT, diluted with water (~15 mL) and refrigerated at 0 °C. After 4 d, the reaction was warmed to RT, filtered and washed with water to yield 208 mg of N-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-propionamide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 1.10 (t, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.50 (q, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 6.5  
30 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (m, 2H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 9.50 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 11.11 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 406.25 (M+1).

**Example 104****N-[3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-propionamide**

5           4.0N Sulfuric acid (0.1 mmol), catalytic sodium tungstate dihydrate, and 30 wt % hydrogen peroxide (1.69 mmol) were added to a slurry of N-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-propionamide (0.51 mmol; see Example 103 for its preparation) in methanol (13 mL) and heated to 55 °C. After 19.5 h, the reaction was diluted with water (13 mL) and  
10           warmed at 55 °C for an additional 1 h. The reaction was then cooled to RT, quenched with saturated sodium thiosulfate, neutralized with saturated sodium bicarbonate and then cooled to 0 °C for 2 h. The reaction was filtered, washed with water to give 176 mg of N-[3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-propionamide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 1.10  
15           (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.50 (q, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 1.9, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (m, 2H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 8.97 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 9.56 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 11.19 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 438.4 (M+1).

**Example 105****N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-propionamide**

          A solution of N-[3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-propionamide (0.39 mmol; see Example 104 for its preparation) and ammonium hydroxide (11.73 mmol) in dioxane (9 mL) was  
25           warmed to 100 °C for 6 h. The reaction then concentrated *in vacuo* and the resulting solid was purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 120 mg of a yellow solid identified as the bis-TFA salt of N-[3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-propionamide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.50 (q,  
30           2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8

Hz, 1H), 7.87 (bs, 2H), 7.94 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 10.09 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 11.28 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 375.2 (M+1).

#### **Example 106**

5    **3,3-Dimethyl-N-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-butyramide**

*Tert*-butylacetyl chloride (0.58 mmol) was added to a slurry of 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine (0.57 mmol; see Example 96 for its preparation) in pyridine (3 mL) at RT.  
10    After 25 h, additional *tert*-butylacetyl chloride (0.58 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred for a further 17 h. The reaction diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and water (10 mL). The organic and aqueous phases were separated and the organic layer was washed with water (1 x 10 mL) and brine (1 x 10 mL), dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), and concentrated *in vacuo* to yield 173 mg of 3,3-dimethyl-N-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-  
15    3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-butyramide.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{d}_6\text{-DMSO}$ , 300 MHz) : 0.98 (s, 9H), 2.08 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 7.31 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 (m, 2H), 8.06 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 9.51 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 11.06 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 448.5 (M+1).

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#### **Example 107**

**N-[3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3,3-dimethyl-butyramide**

4.0 N Sulfuric acid (0.1 mmol), catalytic sodium tungstate dihydrate, and 30 wt % hydrogen peroxide (1.25 mmol) were added to a slurry 3,3-dimethyl-N-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-butyramide (0.38 mmol; see Example 106 for its preparation) in methanol (10 mL) at 55 °C. After 20.5 h, the reaction was diluted with water (10 mL) and warmed at 55 °C for an additional 0.75 h. The reaction was then cooled to RT, quenched with  
30    saturated sodium thiosulfate, quenched with saturated sodium bicarbonate and then cooled to 0 °C for 1.5 h. The reaction was filtered, washed with 1:1 methanol/water

to give 82 mg of N-[3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3,3-dimethyl-butyramide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 1.05 (s, 9H), 2.39 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (m, 2H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 8.97 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 9.57 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 11.13 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 480.5 (M+1).

#### **Example 108**

##### **N-[3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3,3-dimethyl-butyramide**

10 A solution of N-[3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3,3-dimethyl-butyramide (0.17 mmol; see Example 107 for its preparation) and ammonium hydroxide (5.10 mmol) in dioxane (4 mL) was warmed to 100 °C for 19 h. The reaction concentrated *in vacuo*, diluted with water and stirred for 2 hours at RT. The resulting solid was filtered, washed with  
15 water, and purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 8 mg of a yellow solid identified as the bis-TFA salt of N-[3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3,3-dimethyl-butyramide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 1.05 (s, 9H), 2.39 (s, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (bs, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 10.05 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 11.20 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 417.26 (M+1); MS (ESP-) 415.28 (M-1).

#### **Example 109**

##### **N-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-nicotinamide**

Nicotinoyl chloride hydrochloride (0.58 mmol) was added to a slurry of 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine (0.29 mmol; see Example 96 for its preparation) in pyridine (3 mL) at RT.  
30 After 24 h, the reaction was diluted with water (10 mL), filtered and washed with water to yield 100 mg of N-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-

pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-nicotinamide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (m, 2H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (dt, *J* = 1.9, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, *J* = 5.3, 1H), 8.80 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 9.19 (m, 1H), 9.59 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 11.79 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 455.4 (M+1).

### **Example 110**

**N-[3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-nicotinamide**

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4.0 N Sulfuric acid (0.04 mmol), catalytic sodium tungstate dihydrate, and 30 wt % hydrogen peroxide (0.63 mmol) were added to a slurry of N-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-nicotinamide (0.19 mmol; see Example 109 for its preparation) in methanol (5 mL) and warmed to 55 °C. After 20.5 h, the reaction was diluted with water (5 mL) and warmed at 55 °C for an additional 0.75 h. The reaction was then cooled to RT, quenched with saturated sodium thiosulfate, neutralized with saturated sodium bicarbonate and then cooled to 0 °C for 1.5 h. The reaction was filtered, washed with 1:1 methanol/water to give 66 mg N-[3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-nicotinamide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d6-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (m, 2H), 8.17 (m, 2H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.81 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 9.00 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 9.19 (m, 1H), 9.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 11.85 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 487.3 (M+1).

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### **Example 111**

**N-[3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-nicotinamide**

A solution of N-[3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-nicotinamide (0.14 mmol; see Example 110 for its preparation) and ammonium hydroxide (4.20 mmol) in dioxane (3 mL) was



warmed to 100 °C for 19 h. The reaction concentrated *in vacuo*, diluted with water and stirred for 2 hours at RT. The resulting solid was filtered, washed with water, and purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 8 mg of a yellow solid identified as the tri-TFA salt of N-[3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-nicotinamide. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 2.53 (s, 3H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (m, 2H), 8.42 (dt, *J* = 2.0, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.82 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 9.20 (m, 1H), 10.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 11.90 (s, 1H); MS (ESP+) 424.27 (M+1); MS (ESP-) 422.28 (M-1).

### **Example 112**

#### **2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-pyrimidin-4-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine**

To a 100 mL flask was added 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine (see Example 96 for its preparation), ethanol (18 mL) and ammonium hydroxide (15 % aq., 16 mL). In another 100 mL flask, Raney nickel (slurry in water, ~1.5 g) was washed several times, alternating between water and ethanol until the washes were no longer cloudy. After removing the last wash, the Raney nickel was transferred to the reaction flask using ethanol (~18 mL) and the reaction was warmed to 78 °C. After 21.5 h, the reaction was cooled to RT, filtered through Celite and rinsed with ethanol. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting material was purified via reverse phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water gradient with 0.1% TFA) to give 104 mg of a yellow solid identified as the TFA salt of 2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-pyrimidin-4-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-ylamine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 300 MHz) : 2.47 (s, 3H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 1.1, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.84 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 9.08 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 9.35 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H); MS (ESP+) 304.22 (M+1).

Examples of compounds of the present invention are also described in the following table (Table I.)

**TABLE I**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u><sup>1</sup>H NMR</u></b>	<b><u>MS m/z</u></b>
[3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-7-yl]-methanol		333.3 (M + 1)
[3-(4-Methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-propyl]-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine	(d6-DMSO, 400 MHz) : 0.95 (m, 3H), 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.81 (m, 2H), 2.00 (m, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.93 (m, 2H), 3.17 (m, 2H), 3.47 (m, 4H), 6.76 (bs, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H, J= 7.0 Hz), 7.39 (d, 1H, J= 7.0 Hz), 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.91 (t, 1H, J=7.0 Hz), 8.31 (d, 1H, J= 4.7Hz), 9.17 (bs, 1H)	442.4 (M+1)
[4-(2-Pyridin-2-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl)-pyrimidin-2-yl]-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-amine		380.2 (M + 1')
{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-amine		343.2 (M + 1)

<u>Name</u>	<u><sup>1</sup>H NMR</u>	<u>MS m/z</u>
{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(3-piperidin-1-yl-propyl)-amine	(d6-DMSO, 400 MHz) : 1.38 (m, 1H), 1.66 (m, 3H), 1.80 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.87(m, 2H), 3.13 (m, 2H), 3.42 (m, 4H), 6.72 (bs, 1H), 7.17 (t, 1H, J= 7.3 Hz), 7.37 (d, 1H, J= 7.3 Hz), 7.58 (t, 1H, J= 7.3 Hz), 7.65 (bs, 1H), 7.83 (m, 3H), 8.28 (d, 1H, J= 5.3Hz), 9.32 (bs, 1H)	428.25 (M+1)
{7,7-Dimethyl-8-[5-(4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butylcarbamoyl)-pentyl]-2-oxo-4-trifluoromethyl-7,8-dihydro-2H-1-oxa-8-aza-anthracen-5-yl}-methanesulfonic acid		859.1 (M + 1)
2-(2,7-Difluoro-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-9,9a-dihydro-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-3,5,6-trifluoro-4-[(4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butylcarbamoyl)-methylsulfanyl]-benzoic acid		868.4 (M + 1)
2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-pyrimidin-4-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine		

<u>Name</u>	<u><sup>1</sup>H NMR</u>	<u>MS m/z</u>
3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylamine	(DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , 400 MHz) 2.93 (s, 3H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.48 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 7.72 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, J = 7.77, 7.75 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 6.12 Hz, 1H), 8.89 (d, J = 5.70 Hz, 1H)	318.21 (M + 1)
3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carbonitrile	(DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , 400 MHz) 2.42 (s, 3H), 6.74 (d, J = 5.76 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.61 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (br s, 2H), 7.74-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.85 (dd, J = 7.75, 7.71 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 9.28 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 5.76 Hz, 1H), 10.08 (s, 1H)	328.2 (M + 1)
3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid [3-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-amide		486.24 (M + 1)
3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid amide	(DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , 400 MHz) 2.45 (s, 3H), 6.81 (d, J = 5.69 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.49 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (br s, 2H), 7.64 (br s, 1H), 7.78-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.89 (m, 2H), 8.12 (br s, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 5.69 Hz, 1H), 9.63 (s, 1H)	346.22 (M + 1)
3-(2-Amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide		362.14 (M + 1)

<u>Name</u>	<u><sup>1</sup>H NMR</u>	<u>MS m/z</u>
3-(2-methanesulfonyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carbonitrile	(DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , 400 MHz) 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.61 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 9.33, 1.51 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, J = 7.71, 7.75 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 7.25 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 9.61 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 5.35 Hz, 1H), 9.04 (d, J = 5.35 Hz, 1H), 9.80 (s, 1H)	391.18 (M + 1)
3-(2-Methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-pyridin-2-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine		320.2 (M + 1)
3,6-Dichloro-N-(4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-2-(2,4,5,7-tetrachloro-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-9,9a-dihydro-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-terephthalamic acid		939.5 (M + 1)
4-(2-Pyridin-2-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl)-pyrimidin-2-ylamine		289.2 (M + 1)
4-[2-(6-Chloro-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine		323.1 (M + 1)

<u>Name</u>	<u><sup>1</sup>H NMR</u>	<u>MS m/z</u>
4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-7-trifluoromethyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine		371.2 (M+1)
4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile		313.2 (M + 1)
4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidine-2-carboxylic acid amide		331.2 (M + 1)
4-[6-Bromo-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine	(400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) (J = Hz) δ 9.64 (s; 1H), 8.15 (d; 1H; J = 6.0), 7.88 (t; 1H; J = 8.0); 7.76 (d; 1H; J = 9.4), 7.70 (dd; 1H; J = 9.7, 2.1), 7.36 (d; 1H; J = 7.7), 6.77 (d; 1H; J = 6.3), 2.43 (s; 3H)	381.1 & 383.1 (M + 1)
4-[6-Fluoro-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine	(400 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) (J = Hz) δ 9.80 (dd; 1H; J = 3.6, 2.0), 8.11 (d; 1H; J = 6.3), 7.88 (m; 2H); 7.73 (d; 1H; J = 7.7), 7.69 (dt; 1H; J = 7.9, 2.6), 7.37 (d; 1H; J = 8.0), 6.75 (d; 1H; J = 6.2), 2.45 (s; 3H).	321.2 (M + 1)

<u>Name</u>	<u><sup>1</sup>H NMR</u>	<u>MS m/z</u>
4-[6-methyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine	(DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , 400 MHz) 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 6.73 (d, J = 5.99 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.69 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 9.11, 1.17 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.76, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 9.12, 1H), 7.89 (dd, J = 7.77, 7.77 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 5.99 Hz, 1H), 9.37 (s, 1H)	317.2 (M + 1)
4-[7-aminomethyl-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine		332.2 (M + 1)
4-[8-Benzyloxy-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ol		410.1 (M + 1)
4-[8-Benzyloxy-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamine	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 400 MHz) 9.03 (d, J = 6.77 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 5.38 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.73 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 7.73, 7.70 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.16 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 7.57, 6.99 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.19 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 5.43 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (dd, J = 7.44, 7.20 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H)	440.1 (M + 1)

<u>Name</u>	<u><sup>1</sup>H NMR</u>	<u>MS m/z</u>
5-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid (4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-amide		607.1 (M + 1)
6-(2,7-Difluoro-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-N-(4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-isophthalamide acid		768.1 (M + 1)
6-Amino-9-[2-carboxy-5-(4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butylcarbamoyl)-phenyl]-xanthen-3-ylidene-ammonium		730.2 (M + 1)
6-Bromo-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine	(300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) (J = Hz) $\delta$ 9.73 (s; 1H), 8.29 (d; 1H; J = 5.4), 7.62 (m; 2H); 7.55 (d; 1H; J = 9.0); 7.36 (dd; 1H; J = 9.3, 1.8), 7.12 (m; 2H), 2.60 (s; 3H), 2.48 (s; 3H)	412.1 & 414.0 (m + 1)
6-Fluoro-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-3-(2-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine	(300 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) (J = Hz) $\delta$ 9.92 (s; 1H), 8.38 (d; 1H; J = 5.1), 7.76 (m; 3H); 7.33 (m; 3H); 2.67 (s; 3H), 2.57 (s; 3H)	352.1 (M + 1)



<u>Name</u>	<u><sup>1</sup>H NMR</u>	<u>MS m/z</u>
7-Amino-4-methyl-3-[(4-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-2-oxo-2H-chromene-6-sulfonic acid		669.1 (M + 1)
Cyclobutyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine	(d6-DMSO, 400 MHz) : 1.72 (m, 2H), 2.07 (m, 2H), 2.29 (m, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 4.36 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, 1H, J= 3.5 Hz, 7.30 (t, 1H, J= 7.0 Hz), 7.47(d, 1H, J= 7.0 Hz), 7.70 (t, 1H, J= 7.0 Hz), 7.78 (d, 1H, J= 8.2 Hz), 7.88 (d, 1H, J= 9.4 Hz), 7.97(t, 1H, J= 9.4 Hz), 8.15 (bs, 1H), 8.28 (d, 1H, J= 4.7 Hz), 9.41 (bs, 1H)	329.3 (M+1)
Cyclopropyl-methyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine	(d6-DMSO, 400 MHz) : 0.78 (m, 2H), 0.89 (m, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.88 (m, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 6.81 (d, 1H, J= 5.7 Hz), 7.26 (t, 1H, J= 7.0 Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, J= 7.5 Hz), 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, 1H, J= 7.8 Hz), 7.85 (d, 1H, J= 8.8 Hz), 7.93 (t, 1H, J=7.5 Hz), 8.37 (d, 1H, J= 5.7 Hz), 9.60 (d, 1H, J= 7.5 Hz)	351.3 (M+1)

<u>Name</u>	<u><sup>1</sup>H NMR</u>	<u>MS m/z</u>
Isopropyl-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-amine	(d6-DMSO, 400 MHz) : 1.23 (d, 6H, J= 6.8 Hz), 2.55 (s, 3H), 4.10 (bs, 1H), 6.70 (bs, 1H), 7.28 (t, 1H, J= 6.8 Hz), 7.46 (d, 1H, J= 6.8 Hz), 7.67 (t, 1H, J= 8.1 Hz), 7.78 (d, 1H, J= 8.1 Hz), 7.86 (d, 1H, J= 8.1 Hz), 7.97 (t, 1H, J= 9.6 Hz), 8.26 (d, 1H, J=6.8 Hz), 9.48 (bs, 1H)	345.7 (M+1)
N-(4-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-(BODIPY-FL) amide		
N-(4-{4-[2-(6-Methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-ylamino}-butyl)-(Texas Red-X) amide		1075.1 (M + 1)
N-[3-(2-amino-pyrimidin-4-yl)-2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-acetamide		361.3 (M + 1)
N-{4-[2-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-acetamide	(DMSO-d6, 400 MHz) 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 7.12 (dd, J = 6.99, 6.92 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 5.46 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.66 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.09, 7.24 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 6.15 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.33 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, J = 7.75, 7.69 Hz, 1H)	345.0 (M + 1)

### **Cell-Free Assay for Evaluating Inhibition of Activin Type I Receptor Kinase Activity**

The TGF $\beta$  or activin inhibitory activity of compounds of formula (I) can be assessed by methods described in the following examples.

#### **Example 113**

### **Cell-Free Assay for Evaluating Inhibition of Autophosphorylation of TGF $\beta$ Type I Receptor**

The serine-threonine kinase activity of TGF $\beta$  type I receptor was measured as the autophosphorylation activity of the cytoplasmic domain of the receptor containing an N-terminal poly histidine, TEV cleavage site-tag, e.g., His-TGF $\beta$ RI. The His-tagged receptor cytoplasmic kinase domains were purified from infected insect cell cultures using the Gibco-BRL FastBac HTb baculovirus expression system.

To a 96-well Nickel FlashPlate (NEN Life Science, Perkin Elmer) was added 20  $\mu$ l of 1.25  $\mu$ Ci  $^{33}$ P-ATP/25  $\mu$ M ATP in assay buffer (50 mM Hepes, 60 mM NaCl, 1 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 2 mM DTT, 5 mM MnCl<sub>2</sub>, 2% glycerol, and 0.015%Brij 35). 10  $\mu$ l of test compounds of formula (I) prepared in 5% DMSO solution were added to the FlashPlate. The assay was then initiated with the addition of 20  $\mu$ l of assay buffer containing 12.5 pmol of His-TGF $\beta$ RI to each well. Plates were incubated for 30 minutes at room temperature and the reactions were then terminated by a single rinse with TBS. Radiation from each well of the plates was read on a TopCount (Packard). Total binding (no inhibition) was defined as counts measured in the presence of DMSO solution containing with no test compound and non-specific binding was defined as counts measured in the presence of EDTA or no-kinase control.

Alternatively, the reaction performed using the above reagents and incubation conditions but in a microcentrifuge tube was analyzed by separation on a 4-20% SDS-PAGE gel and the incorporation of radiolabel into the 40 kDa His-TGF $\beta$ RI SDS-PAGE band was quantitated on a Storm Phosphoimager (Molecular Dynamics).

Compounds of formula (I) typically exhibited  $IC_{50}$  values of less than 10  $\mu M$ ; some exhibited  $IC_{50}$  values of less than 0.1  $\mu M$ .

5      **Example 114**

Inhibition of the Activin type I receptor (Alk 4) kinase autophosphorylation activity by test compounds of formula (I) can be determined in a similar manner as described above in Example 7 except that a similarly His-tagged form of Alk 4 (His-Alk 4) was used in place of the His-TGF $\beta$ RI.

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**Example 115**

**Assay for Evaluating Cellular Inhibition of TGF $\beta$  Signaling and Cytotoxicity**

Biological activity of compounds of formula (I) were determined by measuring their ability to inhibit TGF $\beta$ -induced PAI-Luciferase reporter activity in HepG2 cells.

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HepG2 cells were stably transfected with the PAI-luciferase reporter grown in DMEM medium containing 10% FBS, penicillin (100 U/ml), streptomycin (100  $\mu g/ml$ ), L-glutamine (2 mM), sodium pyruvate (1 mM), and non essential amino acids (1x). The transfected cells were then plated at a concentration of  $2.5 \times 10^4$  cells/well in 96 well plates and starved for 3-6 hours in media with 0.5% FBS at 37°C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator. The cells were then stimulated with ligand either 2.5 ng/ml TGF $\beta$  in the starvation media containing 1% DMSO and the presence or absence of test compounds of formula (I) and incubated as described above for 24 hours. The media was washed out in the following day and the luciferase reporter activity was detected using the LucLite Luciferase Reporter Gene Assay kit (Packard, cat. no. 6016911) as recommended. The plates were read on a Wallac Microbeta plate reader, the reading of which was used to determine the  $IC_{50}$  values of compounds of formula (I) for inhibiting TGF $\beta$ -induced PAI-Luciferase reporter activity in HepG2 cells. Compounds of formula (I) typically exhibited  $IC_{50}$  values of less 10  $\mu M$ .

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Cytotoxicity was determined using the same cell culture conditions as described above. Specifically, cell viability was determined after overnight incubation with the CytoLite cell viability kit (Packard, cat. no. 6016901). Compounds of formula (I) typically exhibited LD<sub>25</sub> values greater than 10  $\mu$ M.

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#### **Example 116**

##### **Assay for Evaluating Cellular Inhibition of TGF $\beta$ Signaling**

The cellular inhibition of activin signaling activity by test compounds of formula (I) were determined in a similar manner as described above in Example 115 except that 100ng/ml of activin is added to serum starved cells in place of the 2.5ng/ml TGF $\beta$ .

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#### **Example 117**

##### **Assay for TGF $\beta$ -Induced Collagen Expression**

##### *Preparation of Immortalized Collagen Promotor-Green Fluorescent Protein Cells*

Fibroblasts were derived from the skin of adult transgenic mice expressing Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP) under the control of the collagen 1A1 promoter (see Krempen, K. et al., Gene Exp. 8: 151-163 (1999)). Cells were immortalised with a temperature sensitive large T antigen that is active at 33°C. Cells are expanded at 33°C then transferred to 37°C so that the large T becomes inactive (see Xu, S. et al., Exp. Cell Res. 220: 407-414 (1995)). Over the course of about 4 days and one split, the cells cease proliferating. Cells are then frozen in aliquots sufficient for a single 96 well plate.

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##### *Assay of TGF $\beta$ -induced Collagen-GFP Expression*

Cells are thawed, plated in complete DMEM (contains nonessential amino acids, 1mM sodium pyruvate and 2mM L-glutamine) with 10 % fetal calf serum and incubated overnight at 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. The following day, the cells are trypsinized

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and transferred into 96 well format with 30,000 cells per well in 50  $\mu$ l complete DMEM containing 2 % fetal calf serum, but without phenol red. The cells are incubated at 37°C for 3 to 4 hours to allow them to adhere to the plate, solutions containing test compounds of formula (I) are then added to triplicate wells with no  
5 TGF $\beta$ , as well as triplicate wells with 1 ng/ml TGF $\beta$ . DMSO was also added to all of the wells at a final concentration of 0.1%. GFP fluorescence emission at 530 nm following excitation at 485 nm was measured at 48 hours after the addition of solution containing test compounds on a CytoFluor microplate reader (PerSeptive Biosystems). The data are then expressed as the ratio of TGF $\beta$ -induced to non-induced for each test  
10 sample.

#### **Other Embodiments**

It is to be understood that while the invention has been described in conjunction with the detailed description thereof, the foregoing description is intended  
15 to illustrate and not limit the scope of the invention, which is defined by the scope of the appended claims. Other aspects, advantages, and modifications are within the scope of the following claims.